

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: January 11, 2016

Project Name	<i>Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan</i>
Geographic Scope	<i>Statewide</i>
Ward(s)	<i>all</i>
District Council(s)	<i>all</i>
Project Description	<i>20-year spending plan for Minnesota state highways</i>
Project Contact	<i>Josh Pearson</i>
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Lead Agency/Department	<i>MnDOT</i>
Purpose of Project/Plan	<i>Guide MnDOT highway spending priorities</i>
Planning References	
Project stage	<i>Planning</i>
General Timeline	<i>Winter/Spring 2016: Set investment direction and draft strategies to guide MnDOT in the future; Spring 2016: Write draft plan; Summer 2016: Refine draft plan; Fall 2016: Seek final input on draft plan; January 2017: Adopt the plan</i>
Level of Committee Involvement	<i>Inform; Provide input for City comments</i>
Previous Committee action	<i>None</i>
Level of Public Involvement	<i>Substantial public involvement through 2015-16 (see attached summary) to provide input to MnDOT</i>
Public Hearing	<i>No</i>
Public Hearing Location	<i>n/a</i>
Primary Funding Source(s)	<i>Federal & State sources</i>
Cost	<i>\$20 billion over 20 years</i>

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Project Name	<i>Riverview Corridor Pre-Project Development Study</i>
Geographic Scope	<i>Union Depot and downtown Saint Paul to the MSP Airport and Mall of America, roughly bounded by the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers on the southeast, Interstate 35E, Ford Parkway and TH 62 on the northwest.</i>
Ward(s)	<i>Wards 2 and 3</i>
District Council(s)	<i>District 9 - West 7th/Fort Road Federation, District 15 - Highland District Council and District 17 - CapitolRiver Council</i>
Project Description	<i>To study and evaluate transitway options that connect downtown Saint Paul to the MSP Airport and Mall of America, and serve the neighborhoods in between, and choose a Locally Preferred Alternative.</i>
Project Contact	<i>Kevin Roggenbuck, Senior Transportation Planner</i>
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Lead Agency/Department	<i>Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority</i>
Purpose of Project/Plan	<i>Enhance mobility and access to opportunities for residents, businesses and the region through connections to employment, education, and other destinations throughout the Twin Cities; and to support goals to cultivate economic prosperity and investment in neighborhoods, especially those with areas of concentrated poverty.</i>
Planning References	<i>The Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan (2010) and Neighborhood Plans in Districts 9, 15 and 17 were reviewed in the preparation of the study's Purpose and Need document.</i>
Project stage	<i>Planning, currently in transit route and vehicle alternatives analysis.</i>
General Timeline	<i>Fall/Winter 2016</i>
District Council position (if applicable)	<i>No official District Council positions have been offered; study is still underway.</i>
Level of Committee Involvement	<i>Inform about the study.</i>
Previous Committee action	<i>No previous Committee action</i>
Level of Public Involvement	<i>Inform and collect comments used to guide decisions. Public engagement activities include open house community meetings, pop-up events, presentations to groups upon request and interactive social media. Opportunity for public comments are also part of the Policy Advisory Committee agenda.</i>
Public Hearing	<i>Yes, date not yet determined. Likely in the Summer/Fall of 2016</i>
Public Hearing Location	<i>Undetermined at this time</i>
Primary Funding Source(s)	<i>Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority</i>
Cost	<i>Approximately \$1.75 million (for the study)</i>

Table 6.1: Public Involvement Schedule

Techniques	Summer 2015		Fall 2015			Winter 2016			Spring 2016			Summer 2016			Fall 2016			2017	
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
In-Person Engagement																			
Individual Stakeholder Meetings	Informational stakeholder meetings to occur throughout plan development																		
Advisory Stakeholder Briefings	Advisory stakeholder meetings to occur throughout plan development																		
MPO, Tribal, Environmental, and Non-Metro Partner Outreach	Partner outreach to occur throughout plan development																		
Stakeholder and Partner Forums			1	2	3			4											
Workplace-Based Outreach		Workplace Outreach																	
Community Events	*	Community Events																	
Traditionally Underserved Community Partnerships		Leader Meetings		Pilot Tools and Techniques															
Open Houses												18 Open Houses							
Public Hearing													1						
Online Engagement																			
Website		Develop	Ongoing Website Engagement																
Social Media		Develop	Ongoing Social Media Engagement																
Stakeholder E-Mail Updates		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8			
Targeted Facebook Ads			1		2		3						4						
MetroQuest Survey		Develop	Investment Scenarios MetroQuest																
Web Surveys		Develop	Web Survey #1			Web Survey #2													
Online Open House												Online Open House							
Online Digital Toolkit			Introductory				Draft plan direction				Draft plans								
Other Potential Tools																			
Branded MnDOT Van		Ongoing in coordination with other activities																	
MnDOT Omnibus Survey		Develop	Survey																
Focus Groups		TBD in coordination with underrepresented community outreach																	
MnSHIP Milestones	Develop investment scenarios			Gain input on scenarios				Set direction + develop strategies			Draft plan		Stakeholder review	Public comment period		Plan finalization + adoption			
SMTP Milestones	Trend analysis		Gain input on trends				Discuss policies, strategies, PMS			Draft plan		Stakeholder review	Public comment period		Plan finalization + adoption				
Type of Engagement Opportunities	Opportunities to influence the direction of the plans						Opportunities to shape the content of the plans						Opportunities to review and refine the plans						