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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Monday, June 18, 2018, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
*All meetings are held in the City Hall Annex 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Conference room at 25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Saint Paul*

1. Pelham-St. Anthony Bikeway update – Reuben Collins (Public Works) 15 minutes
2. Ford Spur Study – Mike Richardson (PED) 40 minutes

*Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings*

- ~~July 2~~ cancelled
- July 16
- July 30

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*Meetings are open to the public. The Chair may allow five minutes for informal public comment (from non-committee members) at the beginning of each agenda as needed. Additional time may be allocated for comments or further discussion at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings will be cancelled if there is not a quorum expected, or if there are no agenda items. For additional information on the Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission, please visit our website at [bit.ly/StPaulTC](http://bit.ly/StPaulTC) or contact Bill Dermody at [Bill.Dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Bill.Dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or 651-266-6617.*

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## Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects

*Committee date: 6/18/2018*

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**Project Name:** Pelham Bikeway

**Geographic Scope:** Pelham Blvd and St Anthony Blvd

**Project Contact:** Reuben Collins

**Project Webpage:** <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/transportation/saint-anthony-traffic-calming>

**Project Description:** Public Works installed our first protected bike lanes on Pelham and St. Anthony Avenue. This presentation will be a recap of our experiences to date.

**Project Stage & General Timeline:** Pelham was implemented in 2017. St. Anthony was implemented in 2018.

**Public Hearing Date & Location:** N/A

**Cost & Primary Funding Source(s):** N/A

**Transportation Committee Role:**

- Inform project scope & approach       Inform design       Inform implementation
- Make recommendation

**Explanation** This is an FYI presentation about our experiences implementing our first protected bike lanes in Saint Paul.

**Attachments include:**

- Complete Streets Checklist       Scoping document       CIB request
- Summary of Engineering Recommendations



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Date: June 1, 2018  
To: Transportation Committee  
From: Mike Richardson, 266-6621  
Re: *Re-imagine the Railway: Studying new uses for the Ford Spur*

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**Background**

Attached for your review is *Re-imagine the Railway: Studying new uses for the Ford Spur* ("the study"). It was prepared in response to a City Council resolution approved in April of 2014. It authorized the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for a Federal TIGER IV grant that would fund a preliminary planning document for a multi-modal transportation corridor that links the former Ford plant to approximately the eastern terminus of St. Clair Avenue. The study was also funded in part by East Metro Strong, The Ford Motor Company, and City funds.

The Ford Spur connects the West 7th and Highland neighborhoods of Saint Paul and is owned by Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway. The Ford Spur was originally used to serve the Ford Twin Cities Assembly Plant (Ford Site), which closed in 2011 and is planned for mixed-use redevelopment. With the railway no longer in use, there is potential for the Ford Spur to be remade into a vibrant recreation and transportation resource that can serve Saint Paul residents well into the future.

This study examined opportunities to redevelop the railway to serve pedestrians and bicyclists for decades to come, taking into account scenarios with and without public transit. The Ford Spur study will not influence the decision whether or not to construct transit in the Ford Spur. This will be decided as part of the Riverview Corridor and Ford Corridor transit studies.

**Study Engagement and Process**

The project team developed a Public Involvement Plan to strategize outreach during the course of the study. PED assembled both a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and a Project Advisory Group (PAG), both consisting of agency partners and community representatives. These groups, along with City staff, developed refined project goals, strategies, and evaluation criteria that were vetted with the community. The city hosted a series of traditional open houses, as well as a series of smaller, less formal, but targeted outreach efforts that informed residents of the study and solicited opinions. Significant effort was made to post physical flyers in apartment buildings and at community events in advance of open houses. Additional information regarding engagement is available in the report.

### **Study Recommendations**

Recommendations include preliminary design concepts based on varied typologies found along the corridor. The study presents sections that maximize safety and comfort for trail users. Trail alignment along the spur is also recommended in segments defined by the group as representative of unique conditions. Opportunities for trail amenities and considerations for interaction with existing infrastructure are also provided. The preliminary designs accommodate two parallel, but not competing scenarios: one with space for future transit and one without. This was to account for uncertainty in future Riverview and Ford Corridor transit alignment decisions.

The study also includes an environmental screening section to provide a basis for selection of recommended concept(s) to be carried forward for further evaluation through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) processes. The focus of this analysis was to identify potentially significant impacts and if they can be mitigated, or if they deem a concept infeasible. More detailed environmental analysis would be required as part of a future design phase. Basic capital and O&M costs were also estimated and are included in the report.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Review study and recommend that the Planning Commission forward the study to the Mayor and City Council with a recommendation for approval.

### **Attachments**

Attachment A: *Re-imagine the Railway: Studying new uses for the Ford Spur, with Appendices*

Attachment B: Resolution 14-723

Attachment C: Resolution 16-203



## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** RES 14-723    **Version:** 1    **Name:** CP Rail Spur Master Plan TIGER Application  
**Type:** Resolution    **Status:** Passed  
**In control:** City Council  
**Final action:** 4/23/2014

**Title:** Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for a federal TIGER VI Planning Grant to prepare a Master Plan for the CP Rail Spur between Downtown and the site of the former Ford plant.

**Sponsors:** Dave Thune, Chris Tolbert

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:**

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/30/2014	1	Mayor's Office	Signed	
4/23/2014	1	City Council	Adopted	Pass

Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for a federal TIGER VI Planning Grant to prepare a Master Plan for the CP Rail Spur between Downtown and the site of the former Ford plant.

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act that includes a \$600 million authorization for National Infrastructure Investments referred to by the U.S. Department of Transportation as TIGER Discretionary Grants; and

WHEREAS, \$35 million of the total will be devoted by the Department of Transportation to planning grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has reviewed the qualifying and ranking criteria associated with these funds and determined that a Master Plan for CP Rail Spur between downtown and the site of the former Ford Plant would be eligible for a planning grant; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Economic Development proposes to submit a \$200,000 grant application to the TIGER Discretionary Grant program for the CP Rail Spur Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, although the grant application requires a minimum of twenty (20) percent local funding match, among successful applications, the average match amount is sixty-six (66) percent; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Economic Development is seeking grant funds from partners to propose a fifty (50) percent match with the understanding that CIB funds will be available to make up the difference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council authorizes the Department of Planning and Economic Development to prepare and submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the CP Rail Spur Master Plan; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that if the grant is awarded, the Council does hereby authorize the proper City officials to prepare a budget amendment for Council consideration and execute contracts and grant agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the City of Saint Paul.



# City of Saint Paul

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## Signature Copy

### Resolution-Public Hearing: RES PH 16-203

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**File Number: RES PH 16-203**

Accepting a \$100,000 grant from The United States Department of Transportation (DOT), a \$20,000 contribution from East Metro Strong, and a \$10,000 contribution from Ford Motor Company for a preliminary multimodal design study for the Canadian Pacific Rail Spur (Ward 3, District 15 and Ward 2, District 9).

**WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") has awarded a \$100,000 grant ("Grant") to the City of Saint Paul to be used in the preparation of a preliminary design study ("Design Study") of the Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail Spur that will identify constraints and opportunities for multi-modal use and develop preliminary design concepts; and

**WHEREAS**, East Metro Strong has generously committed \$20,000 to the City of Saint Paul to be used in support of the Design Study; and

**WHEREAS**, Ford Motor Company has generously committed \$10,000 to the City of Saint Paul to be used in support of the Design Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds will be advanced and must be used solely for the purposes described in the grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution 14-723 the City Council authorized the proper City officials to prepare a budget amendment for Council consideration and execute contracts and grant agreements as are necessary to implement the Design Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saint Paul has the legal authority to accept this Grant from DOT and the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate implementation of the Design Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant will be combined with \$70,000 from the predevelopment account of the Loan Enterprise Fund Budget of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota to fully fund the Design Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor pursuant to Section 10.07.1 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does certify that there are available for appropriation funds of \$130,000, as identified in the attached budget amendment, in excess of those estimated in the budget and recommends such changes to the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, after a public hearing the City Council determines there is a public purpose to accept the Grant and use it for its intended purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Saint Paul, that:

1. The City Council hereby approves and accepts the Grant from DOT and the contributions

from East Metro Strong and the Ford Motor Company and the City budget is hereby amended and approved as detailed in Attachment A.

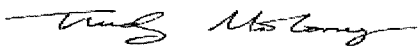
2. The City staff and legal counsel are directed and authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution and PED's Director is authorized to execute any documents and instruments in connection therewith.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/6/2016, this Resolution-Public Hearing was Passed.


**Yea:** 5 Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker, and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 Councilmember Brendmoen, and Councilmember Thao

**Vote Attested by**   
**Council Secretary** Trudy Moloney

**Date** 7/6/2016

**Approved by the Mayor**   
Chris Coleman

**Date** 7/8/2016

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**Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects**

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*Committee date: 6/18/18*

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**Project Name:** Canadian Pacific Rail Ford Spur Study

**Geographic Scope:** 5 miles of unused rail corridor in DCs 9 and 15

**Project Contact:** Mike Richardson, mike.richardson@ci.stpaul.mn.us, 651.266.6621

**Project Webpage:** www.stpaul.gov/fordspurstudy

**Project Description:** Explore feasibility, opportunities, and constraints for new bike/ped trail facilities and consider relationship to possible Riverview Corridor transit connection.

**Project Stage & General Timeline:** Deliverables complete, beginning review and routing to Council and Mayor approval

**Public Hearing Date & Location:** N/A

**Cost & Primary Funding Source(s):** \$200,000 - \$100,000 (TIGER grant); \$70,000 (HRA); \$30,000 (Private - East Metro Strong, Ford Motor Company)

**Transportation Committee Role:**

- Inform project scope & approach       Inform design       Inform implementation
- Make recommendation

**Explanation** Requesting a review of the study and recommendation to forward to the City Council and Mayor for their approval.

**Attachments include:**

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<b>Staff recommendation</b>	<i>Describe, if any recommendation/action is required</i>
<b>Action item requested of the Committee</b>	<i>State intended action for committee to take, e.g., "Recommend approval of x" or "Advise staff on which projects to apply for from the grant program"</i>



<b>Committee recommendation</b>	<i>To be filled in at the meeting</i>
<b>Committee vote</b>	<i>To be filled in at the meeting</i>