

## Como Park Transportation Implementation Plan – Summary of Recommendations

Based on the review of past studies and recommendations, the input from the public and the PAC, and technical analysis of the existing parking and transportation conditions, draft recommendations have been developed to address the roadway, parking, transit/shuttle, pedestrian/bicycle, and signing/wayfinding needs of the Park. The following summarizes the basis for the recommendations:

- Reduce or eliminate intersection conflicts and congestion at the Lexington Parkway/Horton Avenue, Horton Avenue/Midway Parkway, and Hamline Avenue/Midway Parkway intersections.
- Provide a convenient designated visitor and shuttle loading/unloading location.
- Provide a convenient designated bus loading/unloading and parking location.
- Distribute traffic on the roadways in and around the park by providing more than one option to access an area.
- Provide additional parking spaces within a 5-minute walk radius of the Zoo/Conservatory/Como Town to meet the parking demand during the Average Summer Peak.
- Implement paid parking in the most heavily used parking areas, with free parking at the shuttle lot and other less-used parking areas
- Provide parking information to visitors to reduce vehicles circulating to find parking
- Purchase or construct a permanent shuttle lot with a capacity of approximately 500 parking spaces located within 2 miles of the Park.
- Convert the current shuttle into a circulator to serve the busiest areas of the Park.
- Provide shelters at the Metro Transit bus stops
- Provide shelters and information kiosks at the Como Shuttle stops
- Provide convenient and safe pedestrian/bicycle facilities between bus/shuttle stops, the sidewalk/trail system, and the major attractions of the Park
- Provide improved north/south and east/west bicycle and pedestrian facilities through the Park
- Provide a safer pedestrian/bicycle crossing of Lexington Parkway between the lake and golf course
- Provide an additional pedestrian/bicycle crossing of the BNSF tracks
- Provide wayfinding and parking information for vehicles and pedestrians for all major areas of the Park
- Direct visitors to the park via multiple routes to distribute traffic among various routes