Transportation Committee Staff Report
Committee date: 2/25/13, **4/22/13**

Project Name	Harriet Island to South St. Paul Regional Trail Master Plan
Geographic Scope	Master Plan for bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting Harriet Island Regional Park to Kaposia Landing Park in S. St. Paul/Dakota County
Ward(s)	Trail Construction is in Ward 2. Trail connections are citywide.
District Council(s)	District 3. West Side
Project Description	Project will construct a regional trail between Harriet Island Park and Kaposia Landing Park in South St. Paul. The trail construction will be partially funded by Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. Local matching funds will be from CIB and Met. Council.
Project Contact	Don Varney
Contact email/phone	don.varney@ci.stpaul.mn.us / 651 266-6427
Lead Agency/Department	St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department
Purpose of Project/Plan	The construction of the trail will provide an important alternative transportation link between Saint Paul and South St. Paul. The trail will become part of the Mississippi River Trail, a multi-state trail that follows the course of the Miss. River from its start in Itasca State Park to New Orleans.
Planning References	The trail plan is part of Saint Paul's Great River Passage Master Plan. In addition, the City Comprehensive Plan Policy 18: Providing Pedestrian and Bicycle Travel Systems.
Project stage	There have been planning meetings with the public works department, the St. Paul Port Authority, the Metropolitan Airports Commission, Dakota County and South St. Paul Planning Department. The project was part of a multi project STP grant application that will provide construction funding for this trail connection.
General Timeline	The project funds will be available in 2017. Project planning and interagency coordination is under way and will continue until project completion in 2017-2018.
District Council position	N/A
Committee Involvement	Advise & Consent
Previous Committee action	None
Level of Public Involvement	Project was introduced & commented on as part of the Great River Passage Master Plan. The specific trail alignment has been revised several times and may change slightly as design factors are considered in detail.
Public Hearing	NlA
Public Hearing Location	N/A
Primary Funding Source(s)	Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP), State Legacy Funds & CIB funds
Cost	Full Project Cost for both Saint Paul and S. St. Paul portions; ~$5.2M
Staff recommendation	Approval

Action item requested of the Committee	Recommend for approval
Committee recommendation	To be filled in at the meeting
Committee vote	To be filled in at the meeting

Harriet Island to S. St. Paul Route Selection

	Plato Boulevard	**E. Fillmore Ave**	Comments
Part of Existing Plan	Yes.	No	Pubilc works had existing plans to provide bicycle facility on Plato
Existing Right of Way	110 feet	60 feet	Substantial Right of Way Availability
Regional Trail / Grant requirements.	More opportunity to build off street facility.	Difficult to provide off street (side path)	
Direct Connections to Other Trails	Lafayette Bridge, Cherokee Regional Trail	Harriet Island	Plato Blvd will have a direct connection from Plato to new Lafayette Bridge Bike Ped lanes.
Obstacles	Pinch point at Wabasha	Narrow segment between Robert and Livingston	Both of these obstacles will be a challenge.
ADT (Average Daily Traffic)	Typical 2,700 10,825 Between Lafayette and Wabasha	200-2,650	Lower traffic count makes Fillmore a better candidate for on street or complete street facility
Railroad crossings	Single Crossing with vehicle gates only	Single Crossing with vehicle gates only	Both Rail crossings must follow the directions of the Rail owner.

Fillmore at Robert

Fillmore facing Robert

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Committee date: 2013 04 22

Project Name	***Citywide Bicycle Master Plan***
Geographic Scope	*Citywide*
Ward(s)	*All*
District Council(s)	*All*
Project Description	*Public Works is moving forward with the creation of a Citywide Bicycle Master Plan that will guide the development of infrastructure and supporting policies and programs throughout the City.*
Project Contact	*Reuben Collins*
Contact email/phone	*Reuben.collins@ci.stpaul.mn.us 651-266-6059*
Lead Agency/Department	*Public Works*
Purpose of Project/Plan	*The purpose of the plan is to establish a clear vision to guide the development of facilities, programs, and policies regarding bicycling within the City.*
Planning References	*The citywide plan will be informed by the existing adopted Comprehensive Plan, including all active small area plans and district plans.*
Project stage	*Planning*
General Timeline	*The process was originally started in early 2011. The plan is anticipated to be completed in Draft form in 2013 with formal adoption occurring in early 2014.*
District Council position (if applicable)	*N/A*
Level of Committee Involvement	*advise & consent*
Previous Committee action	*A previous work plan and schedule was presented to the Transportation Committee on 2011 06 13. No action was taken.*
Level of Public Involvement	*involve*
Public Hearing	*Yes, date unknown*
Public Hearing Location	*At this time, it is anticipated that public hearings will be held at both the planning commission and the city council level.*
Primary Funding Source(s)	*N/A*
Cost	*N/A*

Staff recommendation	*N/A*
Action item requested of the Committee	*Recommendations regarding issues relating to public involvement and outreach given the relatively short project timeline.*
Committee recommendation	*To be filled in at the meeting*
Committee vote	*To be filled in at the meeting*

City of Saint Paul Bicycle Master Plan
DRAFT Work Plan and Schedule
4/15/2013

Task	2011	2012	2013												2014					
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Administration																				
Work Plan Created/Updated																				
Staff Kickoff Meeting																				
Staff Advisory Group Meetings (weekly?)																				
Department/Division Head Progress Review																				
Final Review by Division/Department Heads																				
Engagement																				
Present Draft Work Plan and Schedule to Transportation Committee																				
Saint Paul Bikes Newsletter (Bi-Monthly?)																				
Present Info at Distric Council Executive Directors Meeting																				
Alert/Engage District Councils																				
Alert/Engage Council Members																				
Alert/Engage SPBC																				
Public Open House																				
Alert/Engage Youth Commission																				
Collect Feedback via Open Saint Paul																				
Informational Project Website																				
Conduct Web-based Survey																				
Alert/Engage Ramsey County & MnDOT Staff																				
Encourage District Council Comments																				
External Agency Review																				
Other ways to engage?																				
Producing																				
Summarize and Incorporate Previous Planning Efforts																				
Organize GIS data																				
Create & Error Check Existing Bikeways Map																				
Conduct City Staff Bicycle Tours																				
Establish Mapping Criteria																				
Solidify Bikeway Typology																				
Create Future Bikeways Map																				
Finalize Outline																				
Generate Plan Text																				
Finalize DRAFT Plan																				
Adoption																				
Revise Plan as needed																				
Provide Draft Plan for Transportation Committee																				
Transportation Committee Meeting																				
Planning Commission Releases draft for public review																				
Planning Commission Public Hearing																				
Transportation Considers Public comments & Staff-recommended Response to comments																				
Planning Commission considers Trans. Comm. Recommendations																				
City Council resolution to adopt Bicycle Plan introduced into Legistar																				
City Council Public Hearing																				
Final Adoption by City Council																				
Mayor signs resolution																				
Plan amendment reviewed and approved by Metropolitan Council																				

Staff Turnover & Transportation Planning Division Reorganization