



Payne-Phalen

DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Payne Phalen Transportation Committee Draft Minutes Thursday, September 8th, 2016 – 6:30 PM Archangel Michael Hall – 962 Forest St N, Saint Paul Chair: Eric Saathoff

Transportation Members Present:

Eric Saathoff, Chair	P	Patricia Enstad	P
Stuart Knappmiller	P	Adam Arling	P
Bill Zajicek	P	Don Lorr	P
Richard Finch	P		

P= Present, L= Late, A= Absent, E = Excused Absence,

Community Participants & Guests: Richard Holst (D6), Ramsey Commissioner Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Engineer Jim Tolaas, St. Paul Engineer John Maczko, Shoua Xiong (owner of Golden Harvest)

Discussion

- Chair Saathoff called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.
- Maryland Avenue 4-3 test
 - Ramsey County will test a 4-3 conversion of Maryland Avenue between Greenbrier Street and Johnson Parkway. This means one traffic lane going in each direction with a continuous left turn lane in the center.
 - At major intersections like Arcade and Forest the lane configuration will remain what it is today or something similar. The city will reprogram the traffic light at Forest to accommodate these changes, as well as installing vehicle detection devices on Forest
 - Because it's so late in the year and there isn't a lot of time to warn business owners it will occur in the spring after it is warm enough to put down paint
 - After 2-3 months to let people get used to it the city and county will decide whether to keep it
 - Ramsey County will perform a mill and overlay of that section of Maryland later in the summer and do a 3 or 4 lane configuration depending upon how this lane configuration performs during the test
 - Staff will take traffic counts of Maryland Avenue, as well as Rose, Hawthorne, and Phalen Boulevard

- There is concern that fewer lanes on Maryland will drive more traffic to residential side streets. There is also concern that fewer lanes will lead to fewer customers at Maryland Ave businesses
- If there is redirected traffic it is hoped that some of it will go to Phalen Boulevard
- The District Council will partner with the city and county to get feedback from residents
- Public Art Proposal
 - Adam Arling reminded us that public projects in the city are supposed to have 1% of the cost go to public art
 - He is proposing that utility boxes in the Railroad Island area be “wrapped” in conjunction with the Payne Avenue street rebuild
 - The wraps would feature art from community members, possibly coordinated by the East Side Arts Council

Action Items:

Other Business – Community Announcements

Adjournment