A Resolution calling for further improvements to the walking and biking connections across the Minnesota River in conjunction with the I-35W Bridge Reconstruction Project

DATE: January 27, 2020

Motion: Moved by: Dave Carlson Seconded by: Billy Binder

WHEREAS; The MnDOT is reconstructing the I-35W Bridge over the Minnesota River between Hennepin County and Dakota County in 2020. As part of the project MnDOT is constructing a new multiuse path across the river connecting the two counties; and,

WHEREAS; Multiuse trail facilities serve a legitimate transportation purpose; and,

WHEREAS; The multiuse trail to be constructed has been determined by this committee to be insufficient to provide a direct and resilient walking and biking connection for transportation purposes year round; and,

WHEREAS; this is a major river crossing for people walking and biking as well as people driving; and,

WHEREAS; The steep grade and frequent flooding is an impediment to the current functionality of the trail as designed; and,

WHEREAS; the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed concept and discussed its merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED;
The Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee, with the goal of making the 35W Bridge over the Minnesota River a more direct and resilient transportation route for pedestrians and bicyclists states that due to the major river crossing a robust transportation facility is needed. This transportation connection should include; a more direct connection to 106th Street, address the connection on the south side of the river as it pertains to the flood plain and more direct connection to the existing City of Burnsville trail.
Hennepin County
Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tammy McLemore – District 1  aye
Gilbert Odonkor – (alternate) District 1  absent
Kristel Porter – District 2  aye
Billy Binder (alternate) – District 2  aye
Dave Carlson – District 3  aye
Erin Daly (alternate) – District 3  aye
Jay Eidsness – District 4  aye
Hokan (alternate) – District 4  absent
Judy Jones – District 5  aye
David Gepner (alternate) – District 5  absent
Peggy Kvam – District 6  aye
Lou Miranda (alternate) – District 6  absent
Greg Anderson – District 7  aye
Ron Uglow (alternate) – District 7  absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest:

Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator