



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Transportation and Land Use Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2023

This meeting will be held at location/online address or web address.

.Call to order **6:35pm**, by Paul Hardt

.**Introductions** (name and neighborhood) - [Digital Sign-In](#) for guests

Paul Hardt, Chair

Meg Duhr, President, FRF

Julia McColley, Executive Director, FRF

Sara Fleetham, Board Member

Seth Smiglewski, Board Member

Joe Landsberger, Community Member

John Yust, Community Member

A. Agenda

No objections to the agenda.

III. Community

A. Community Input ...was received in the course of the meeting.

V. Committee Business

A. Action Items

1. Review Land Use section of draft of Fort Road Federation District Plan
Paul reviewed the draft of the Land Use section of the District Plan by showing the draft via Zoom.

The draft is available on the FRF Google Drive site:

<https://docs.google.com>

Paul suggested that the Riversedge development of the old Sheriff's office and old West Publishing site will significantly influence the development of the Riverview Corridor.

Joe L. suggested that the Neighborhood Node concept does not respect the history of the West 7th street area and does not respect the historic nature of the area. Meg D. will consider this, when writing the Historic Preservation section of the Plan. Paul pointed out the Design Guidelines, which could be applied to land use developments.

Julia pointed out that LU-29 would not fit well for our area. Our area is not the same as the downtown St Paul area.

Joe suggested that the section draft should be sent out for comment. Julia will send the draft to John Yust and Joe Landsberger, and board members.

Meg suggested that we apply the Design Guidelines to other sections of the plan.

Julia asked if there was anything in the FRF plan about the Island Station site? Some clarification of the use of the Island Station "park" should be done.

2. Transportation Section

Paul reviewed the transportation policies from the City's 2040 Plan.

He reviewed his draft of the section for the FRF's plan.

Joe L. offered a link to a 2020 study of the historic context of the Street Car project.

The "parkway" policies could be applied to parts of Shepard Road.

Meg emphasized that we need to emphasize the importance of aesthetically pleasing medians and parkways in our district.

Julia pointed out the Bikeway on Jefferson needs significant improvement...faded painting, as example. Strengthen connections from Randolph/West 7th to Shepard Road.

Joe brought up that bikepaths need to be snow shoveled by homeowners, as required by the City. Joe thought we should take a position against this.

Julia will share this section with committee meeting attendees for comment.

Paul asked that comments be submitted by December 13.

Here is a link to the document in the Google Drive folder:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XRMEsRONfy4c7C0_5wT0xliH3sJJSch/edit

3. Paul presented parts of the Riverview Corridor latest plan.

Here is a link to the latest Community Advisory Committee/Policy Advisory Committee meeting project update:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XRMEsRONfy4c7C0_5wT0xliH3sJJSch/edit

Joe L. pointed out that the re-construction of a new bridge from St. Paul (West 7th) to Fort Snelling and south was a new development.

Joe L. summarized the two "modern street car" options, and pointed out that for one of the options, there would be no parking allowed on some parts of West 7th.

Paul showed slides from the presentation showing parking/no parking configurations.

Julia brought up her comments about station planning. She passed along her questions to Joe L. who is on the Station Planning Advisory Committee. Paul will ensure that these questions are brought to the attention of Mike Rogers, Project Leader for the Riverview Corridor project.

Paul went over the project timeline that was in the PPT presentation. He also reviewed the commitments we have gotten from MnDOT and Ramsey County for updates on the many projects regarding West 7th.

Joe L. pointed out that the timeline for Riverview Corridor could go out to the early 2030s. Paul pointed out that the Street Car timeline “could be” shorter than the bus rapid transit timeline. Julia reported that it is possible the BRT timeline could be shorter. It has not been confirmed.

4. MnDOT meeting, December 4

Meg D., Julia M., and Paul H. attended a meeting with MnDOT on Monday, December 4.

VI. Adjourn - 8:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS:

- **12/5, 5pm**—Community Advisory Committee, Riverview Corridor
- **12/13, 9:30am** – Policy Advisory Committee, Riverview Corridor
- **1/3/2024, 6:30pm**- T&LU meeting
- **1/8/2024, 7pm**- FRF Board meeting
- **1/31/2024, Time and Place TBD**, Policy Advisory Committee