

# Streetcar Resolution

West 7<sup>th</sup>/Fort Road Federation Annual Meeting  
April 11, 2018

WHEREAS, the West 7<sup>th</sup>/Fort Road Federation is the local planning body for the West 7<sup>th</sup> Street area of Saint Paul and has for more than 40 years worked to improve the quality of life for residents and businesses of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority (RCRRA) has undertaken a study of the transit needs along the corridor between downtown Saint Paul, the Twin Cities International Airport, and the Mall of America, commonly referred to as the “Riverview Corridor;” and

WHEREAS, that the West 7<sup>th</sup>/Fort Road Federation, acting on behalf of the residents and businesses in the area, has consistently opposed the consideration of transit options for the Riverview Corridor that involve the building of a dedicated and fixed transitway or dedicated lane that would create a physical barrier prohibiting pedestrian crossings and left hand turns on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has chosen “modern streetcar” as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) based largely upon the claimed flexibility of the “modern streetcar” to run in traffic in a non-dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, after four years of study, it was revealed publicly for the first time at the St. Paul City Council meeting of March 7, 2018, that the scoping done for the project assumed that the “modern streetcar” **will not be running in traffic for the vast majority of its route**; and

WHEREAS, the withholding of this crucial information from members of the Technical Advisory Committee, the Policy Advisory Committee, and the public, is a gross violation of Committees’ members and the public’s right to know;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West 7<sup>th</sup>/Fort Road Federation membership demand that as the project moves forward, a full, fair, transparent, and open process be instituted. Because of the hiding of crucial information, we demand that all environmental review be proceeded by a scoping process that includes bus rapid transit as well as the required no-build option.