



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July 24, 2012
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Appointments to Midtown Corridor Policy Advisory Committee**

Recommendation:

- A. Appoint Council Member Robert Lilligren and Council Member Gary Schiff to the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Policy Advisory Committee being convened by Metro Transit.

Previous Directives: None.

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Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Rory Neuner

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Approval	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

Financial Impact: No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals:
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Metro Transit is beginning an Alternatives Analysis study for the Midtown Corridor to review possible modes and alignments for transit improvements between West Lake Station (on the future Southwest Light Rail Line), the future 1-35W/Lake Street Bus Rapid Transit Station, and the Lake Street/Midtown Station on the existing Hiawatha Light Rail Line. This study will identify potential modes and alignments for transit improvements on this corridor and identify options that best meet the objectives of the region.

In late May 2012, Metro Transit asked the City to identify two members of City Council to serve on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), a body that will provide overall policy guidance on this project, and recommend a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to the Metropolitan Council. Public Works worked with Council to identify two members to participate on the PAC: Council Member Robert Lilligren (Ward 6), and Council Member Gary Schiff (Ward 9). The Midtown Corridor is the southern border of Ward 6, and runs through the middle of Ward 9.

Beginning in late July, the PAC will meet approximately ten times during the 15-month process to identify the LPA.

CC: Council Member Robert Lilligren
Council Member Gary Schiff