

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council Members  
**FROM:** Matthew Brown, President   
Minneapolis City Planning Commission  
**DATE:** July 23, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Innovation District – Draft City Council Resolutions

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The City Planning Commission discussed the draft Innovation District resolutions being considered by City Council at its June 18, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Per standard City practice, no formal action is required of the Planning Commission on pending City Council resolutions. However, to interest in and support for this action, the Planning Commission submits these comments for consideration:

- The overall scope of the Innovation District concept appears to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including around topics of land use, transportation, environment, economic development, and urban design.
- The scope of the University Avenue Innovation District concept is consistent with and helps to implement the City adopted small area plan for the area, the *Stadium Village University Avenue Station Area Plan*, which was approved by the City in 2012.
- The Planning Commission looks forward to future participation in the review and approval of elements within the Innovation District framework, including individual development projects, capital improvements, and potential policy and/or regulatory changes.
- With the City's comprehensive plan update moving forward over the next few years, we anticipate more discussion on how this concept could be compatible with our incorporated within the next comprehensive plan.

We appreciate the partnership of the City Council in working to support the development of great, innovative, vibrant, urban places within our city.