

RESOLUTION NO. 19-76

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUTURE BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) SERVICE ON HIGHWAY 55 AND PARTICIPATION IN ADDITIONAL STUDY OF THE CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council commissioned a study of Highway Transit Corridors in 2014 and included the Highway 55 corridor in an addendum to that study in 2015 identifying the segment of Medina to Minneapolis through Golden Valley as a possible BRT route; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council, and Scott County funded, and the City of Golden Valley participated in, the *US Highway 169 Mobility Study*, which also considered BRT service on Highway 55; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley City Council adopted Resolution 17-72 supporting the *US Highway 169 Mobility Study*, including the location of BRT service on Highway 55; and

WHEREAS, the studies of BRT service on Highway 55 have identified a strong reverse commute market to Plymouth and Golden Valley, found a strong market for express bus service that connects corridor communities to jobs in Minneapolis, and provides a connection to the future METRO Blue Line light rail extension; and

WHEREAS, BRT Service on Highway 55 is projected to service 8300 riders per day by 2030, serves corridor employment centers with more than 7000 jobs and job density of ten or more jobs per acre, and scores "high" in meeting the five goals for transit investment identified in the 2014 Highway Transitway Corridor Study; and

WHEREAS, BRT service on Highway 55 is identified in the Metropolitan Council's 2040 Transportation Policy Plan as an unfunded potential BRT route, Golden Valley's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and Golden Valley's Legislative Priorities; and

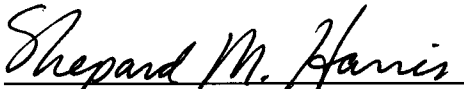
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plymouth adopted a resolution in May 2019 supporting efforts to complete a Highway 55 Mobility Study in conjunction with Hennepin County, the State of Minnesota, and the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, leadership from the corridor cities, Hennepin County, and Metropolitan Council met in October and November of 2019 to discuss how to advance the development of BRT Service on Highway 55 and concluded that support and investment by the corridor communities was necessary to advance BRT service on Highway 55; and

WHEREAS, legislative, regional and local leaders met on December 12, 2019 to discuss BRT service on Highway 55, including challenges, engagement, goals, and ways to advance the development of BRT on the corridor.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Golden Valley continues to support the development of BRT service on Highway 55 and, in collaboration with other cities and agencies, is willing to further study BRT on the Highway 55 corridor to identify corridor improvements, demonstrate ridership demand, conduct additional land use analysis and consider other factors that support BRT development along the corridor.

Adopted by the City Council of Golden Valley, Minnesota this 17th day of December, 2019.



Shepard M. Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk