Transportation Committee November 7, 2016

In attendance: John Mark Lucas, Brian Longley, Pat Thompson, Gordon Murdock, Betty Wheeler, Charlie Christopherson, Les Everett

Minutes and Agenda	6:34 meeting began. Charlie moved to accept the minutes and agenda. John Mark seconded and they passed unanimously.
Como Ave. Reconstruction	Barb Mundahl from the City of St. Paul explained her plans for Como Ave. reconstruction. Because of some complaints about losing parking, she is willing to consider parking bays in some areas. Chad Skally, who manages two apartment buildings on Como, joined the committee to voice some concerns over losing parking on Como. Barb will look into whether the permit parking zone can be extended or a new one created in the area. The group discussed balancing the needs of residents with reducing parking in order to get two full boulevards with trees. Members of the committee asked for a rapid flashing beacon on Como, especially because the sunrise in the winter makes it difficult to see pedestrians. Barb plans to move the NE corner out to lessen pedestrian distance. There is a future off-road bike route planned for como. Pat brought up making Knapp more perpendicular for pedestrian safety and ease of walking, which Barb will look into. John Mark wondered if a median could be put in on Como at Commonwealth.
25 mph Proposal	John Mark reported that the City of St. Paul will be asking the Legislature to set the minimum speed limits at 25 mph. The group will generate a list of organizations that might potentially sign on to the letter and Cailin will pass along the letter once the board approves it. Gordon moved to approve the letter and send it to a list of addresses as compiled by the committee, including other District Councils. Betty seconded. It passed unanimously.
Bus Routes	The group finalized the letter to Greg Tuveson
Other Items	TT ASAP will host a resources fair at Northwest Hall on the Luther campus on Saturday morning.
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