

## APPENDIX D

### Public Input Sessions

## OVERVIEW

The involvement of the public in the CIP process is a commitment of the City and Planning Commission. However, it is often difficult to generate interest and engagement by the community in such a broad and technical endeavor. It has been recognized in the past, but even more so this year that the greatest impact of the public on the CIP actually occurs before the CIP process itself.

Prior to department heads submitting revised CIP information, the Planning Commission held a Public Input Session. As one of the main identifiers of needs, the public's comments are considered and discussed by Planning Commission and City staff at all subsequent CIP meetings. The Planning Commission held a public hearing to obtain input regarding future capital projects on December 12, 2017.

## PUBLIC INPUT SESSION MINUTES

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD PLANNING COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Anderson, Ballantine, Czech, Estevez, Mund and Radaich. Staff present were Jim Flaaen, Matt Glaesman and Ashley Skaggs.

#### **2019-2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM / PUBLIC INPUT SESSION #1**

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen introduced the 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and explained the six-month process required to complete the document each year. This year also includes the Capital Equipment Program (CEP) which focuses on equipment purchases that do not meet the capital expenditure threshold.

Anderson opened the public hearing and invited testimony. The following persons testified:

Peter Donohue, 804 St. Germain St W – He represents Cathedral High School. Cathedral is in full and total support of the proposed RiverWalk improvements, but would like to make clear that Rau Field is an integral part of the school's future.

Charlotte Stephens, 23 Pandolfo Pl – She stated that now is a time to proceed with some of the master plans that have already been developed and which include trail development projects.

Lowell Olson, 23 Pandolfo Pl – He represents the Natural Parks & Trail Coalition. He asked about a plan to integrate the programming and development of Neenah Creek Regional Park with the new school being built.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD PLANNING COMMISSION**

A meeting of the St. Cloud Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Anderson, Ballantine, Czech, DeVine, Estevez, and Mund. Radaich was absent. Staff present were Jim Flaaen, Matt Glaesman and Ashley Skaggs.

**2019-2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM / PUBLIC INPUT SESSION #2**

ACTION TAKEN: Ballantine/Estevez/Approves (6-0)

Glaesman introduced the draft 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program document and explained the process that has taken place thus far.

Anderson opened the public hearing and invited testimony. The following persons testified:

Charlotte Stephens, 23 Pandolfo Pl – She spoke in support of the funding dedicated to park and trail projects. She suggested that a nature center be considered when large natural parks are developed.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Ballantine made a motion to approve the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Estevez and carried unanimously.