

SOUTHWEST LRT COMMUNITY WORK STEERING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR-WIDE HOUSING STRATEGY AND FORWARD TO SOUTHWEST LRT COMMUNITY WORKS MEMBERS FOR ACTION(S) APPROPRIATE TO EACH MEMBER

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 09-0596 in 2009 to establish the Southwest LRT Community Works program in consultation with the cities of Eden Prairie, Edina, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis, and other Southwest LRT partners, and

WHEREAS, the Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee, composed of Southwest LRT Community Works partners from cities and other agencies along the Southwest corridor, was formed in 2010 to provide overall guidance and direction for the Southwest LRT Community Works Project, and

WHEREAS, Southwest LRT Community Works goals and guiding principles for investment call for positioning the Southwest communities as a place for all to live and providing a full range of housing choices, and

WHEREAS, the Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee endorsed the creation of a corridor-wide housing strategy in May 2012, consisting of a housing inventory, gap analysis and strategy document to support housing development along the Southwest LRT corridor, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous benefits that may come from working collaboratively, including increasing the corridor's ability to be competitive, adding leverage to secure public and philanthropic resources, sending a positive message to the development community about the desire for a mix of housing choices, and aligning to achieve regional goals, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in its most recent New Starts Guidance, now considers policies, planning and programs that support development and retention of affordable housing along transit corridors as part of its project evaluation criteria for funding, and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Strategy contains objectives and can inform housing planning, including comprehensive plan updates, in Southwest LRT Corridor communities as well as suggested implementation strategies that may assist in creation of a full range of housing choices around Southwest LRT stations, increasing LRT ridership and supporting economic development and healthy communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee accepts the Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Strategy as a document to guide ongoing collaborative housing work, in achieving Southwest LRT Community Works goals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee hereby refers the Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Strategy to member cities and partner organizations for individual action(s) as deemed appropriate.