

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2018-085  
ESTABLISHING THE NORTHFIELD TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield desires “to provide a safe, convenient, multi-modal, and environmentally-responsible transportation system for Northfield and the surrounding region” as expressed in Chapter 7 Transportation Chapter of the City of Northfield Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the “Objective 4: Implement the transportation vision through strategic funding, and objective and definitive decision making, with the collaboration of surrounding jurisdictions” is identified in Chapter 7 of the Transportation Chapter of the City of Northfield Comprehensive Plan with the following strategies:

TR 4.1 – Establish concentrated and consistent support for local and regional political leadership to achieve components of the transportation system vision.

TR 4.2 – Empower City staff to pursue state and federal transportation funding and evaluate non-traditional transportation funding mechanisms.

TR 4.3 – Establish an area transportation advisory committee with the state, Rice and Dakota Counties, the City of Dundas and surrounding townships to coordinate and strategize regional transportation planning initiatives. (Hwy 19 between Northfield and I-35, Cannon River Crossing/CSAH 1 Preservation, NW Corridor).

TR 4.4 – Plan for and preserve opportunities for necessary transportation system improvements.

TR 4.5 – Achieve necessary transportation system improvements in a cost effective, timely fashion.

TR 4.6 – Establish momentum in the pursuit of the transportation system vision by periodic recognition of basic accomplishments and celebration of milestone achievements.

TR 4.7 – Encourage business owners, residents and community groups to be active participants in seeking funding by contacting local, state and federal decision makers in support of transportation funding ; and

WHEREAS, the Northfield City Council’s Strategic Plan adopted six strategic priorities, including “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: A Community That Welcomes Everyone.” One desired

outcome under this priority includes “increased transit options for all”; and

WHEREAS, to achieve outcomes related to coordinating and strategizing regional transportation planning initiatives as referenced in this resolution, the City Council is being requested to consider establishing a Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee will work with city staff, consultants, as well as other governmental units and agencies; and

WHEREAS the Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee intends to meet quarterly, or as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Council has the Authority to create Boards and Commissions in accordance with Section 3.2 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.2 of the City Charter provides that the Mayor shall appoint the members of advisory boards and commissions subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the council which is proposed to occur at a future date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will define the scope, project and focus areas at a future date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

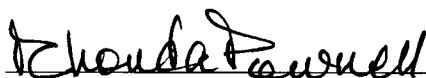
The Northfield City Council establishes the “Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee” as follows:

1. The City Council will determine the scope, project and focus areas of the committee by a future actions.
2. The Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee shall provide regular updates and receive direction from the City Council as deemed appropriate or as requested by the City Council.
3. The Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee shall terminate effective upon majority approval of the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor

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## Legislation Text

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**City Council Meeting Date:** September 18, 2018

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Ben Martig, City Administrator

Consider Resolution Establishing Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee.

**Action Requested:**

The Northfield City Council considers approving the attached Resolution Establishing a Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee.

**Summary Report:**

The City has a number of transportation related policy issues that are currently either active or potentially coming to discussion. Therefore, it is advised to consider creating a committee to assist in reviewing these issues. The City Council discussed this item at their September 4, 2018 City Council meeting. Due to workloads and other priorities, the Mayor and City Administrator recommend establishing the committee at this time with future Council discussion and approval to define the scope, project and focus areas of the committee. Some of the suggested items for future discussion include: Highway #246 turn back, transit related strategic plan goals and Highway #19 corridor related initiatives. Appointments to the committee will also be either brought forward at a future date.

**Alternative Options:**

The City Council could wait to create the committee.

**Financial Impacts:**

N/A

**Tentative Timelines:**

N/A