

RESOLUTION ON TRANSIT IN THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY

Passed by the Midtown Greenway Coalition Board of Directors

On June 17, 1999

WHEREAS Hennepin County and Metro Transit have issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to prepare a feasibility study for a rapid (limited-stop) busway in the 29th Street Midtown Greenway, and

WHEREAS the Midtown Greenway Coalition is a citizens' organization whose Board of Directors represents each of the 14 Minneapolis neighborhoods along the Greenway, and

WHEREAS the Coalition is leading a community-based process to develop and continually improve the Greenway, non-stop bikeway, and pedestrian path, and

WHEREAS the 29th Street Midtown Greenway is unique in its origin, location and potential to benefit and connect the community with linear public green space, and

WHEREAS buses would jeopardize the natural setting, wildlife and tranquility of the greenway and would require substantially more paved surfaces, and

WHEREAS light rail transit or rail trolleys would be more visually and historically compatible in the corridor than buses as well as quieter and less polluting, and

WHEREAS the projected completion date of the study is September 30, 1999,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Midtown Greenway Coalition opposes buses or rubber wheeled trolleys on an interim or long term basis, no matter what fuel propels their engine, in the Midtown Greenway, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Coalition supports shared greenway use with light rail transit or rail trolleys, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Coalition encourages the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County and Metro Transit to support green space, a non-stop bikeway, a pedestrian path, and LRT or rail trolleys in the greenway corridor.

[signed by Board President Henry Hubben]