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To: Transit and Parking Commission

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Subject: Metro Transit staff comments on Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan

Please find below staff observations on the Hoyt Park area neighborhood plan submitted to the City for approval. If the Commission is in agreement with these staff observations, please make a motion to approve the Hoyt Park area plan pursuant to the items below, and forward these comments to the Plan Commission for incorporation into the document ultimately adopted by the City.

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- ▶ The Area is served by weekday bus service at the edges along University Avenue, Mineral Point Road, Bluff Street, and the northern portion of N. Midvale Boulevard.

The planning area is served not only on weekdays, but also has regular service all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

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A single bus stop location is identified for removal, on the north side of University Avenue opposite Schmitt Place.

The bus stop location identified is adjacent the Village of Shorewood Hills, and does have barriers to achieving full passenger accessibility (i.e. current lack of sidewalk, curb ramps, uncontrolled pedestrian crossing of University Avenue, etc.).

Despite such issues, staff does not support the identification of the elimination of a single bus stop like this through a neighborhood planning document.

Metro Transit would continue to evaluate the location and placement of bus stops as area roadways are reconstructed, with an eye towards operational guidelines such as the recently adopted MPO bus stop spacing proposal as well as facilitating accessibility improvements such as adding level boarding surfaces and sidewalk connections at bus stops.

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- ▶ In addition, a N-S bus service along Midvale Boulevard (at least from Hilldale to Sequoya Branch Library) is desired.

An initial estimate of roughly \$100,000 was calculated to quantify this service request. This reflected an operational plan of 1,560 annual service hours (one bus operating trips in the corridor every thirty minutes between 9am and 3pm each weekday).

Metro's existing network does currently provide connections every 30 minutes all day, every day, between Sequoya Commons and Hilldale Mall (timed transfers at West Transfer Point between Routes 2 via Hilldale and 6/7/18 that use Tokay Boulevard).

In consideration of the high level of service already provided between these two locations, and with other service development goals to address including corridors that are over capacity in ridership demand or meeting requests to expand into new areas, staff does not feel this service request is a priority for support in this neighborhood plan document.