

RESOLUTION
By Gordon

Withdrawing from the Red Rock Corridor Commission Joint Powers Agreement.

Whereas, the Red Rock Corridor Commission was founded in 1998 as a joint powers board to address multimodal transportation needs along Highway 61 connecting the Twin Cities' southeastern suburbs to St. Paul and Minneapolis; and

Whereas, in late 2001, a Red Rock Corridor Commission study identified the need to extend the Red Rock Corridor from St. Paul to Minneapolis, and amended and restated the Red Rock Corridor Joint Powers Agreement to allow new members, including the City of Minneapolis, to join the commission; and

Whereas, in 2005, the Minneapolis City Council authorized entering into an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement with the Red Rock Corridor Commission; and

Whereas, the Implementation Plan completed in 2016 recommends a phased approach with near-term and long-term strategies to build transit ridership towards the build out of rapid bus transit service, first from St. Paul to Cottage Grove and eventually to Hastings; and

Whereas, a commuter rail project terminating in Downtown Minneapolis is no longer an objective of the Red Rock Corridor Commission, but rather is now focusing on bus improvements which will terminate in St. Paul, and its plans do not include a proposed alignment or station in the City of Minneapolis for either local bus or rapid bus transit service;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City will withdraw as a member of the Red Rock Corridor Commission effective 90 days after the passing of this resolution, as permitted by Article 9 of the Red Rock Corridor Commission Joint Powers Agreement.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of the signed resolution to the Chair of the Red Rock Corridor Commission in compliance with the 90-day notice of intent to withdraw.