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Item No. 2 Federal Transit Funding - Southwest Bus Rapid Transit Corridor, Phase One
File TT-8

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 9, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the March 19, 2008 Council Motion, pertaining to utilizing the federal transit funding for the Southwest Bus Rapid Transit Corridor, Phase 1, be received as information.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 9, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 19, 2008 Council Motion, and submitted the matter to Council.

Further on April 9, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee received the following submissions in support of utilizing the federal transit funding for the Southwest Bus Rapid Transit Corridor, Phase 1:

- Paul Hesse, Winnipeg Rapid Transit Coalition
- Curt Hull, Bike to the Future and Climate Change Connection, submitted a communication on behalf of Bike to the Future, and a communication on behalf of Climate Change Connection, both communications dated April 9, 2008.

COUNCIL:

On March 19, 2008, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced in the recent budget that 18 million in funding for the Province of Manitoba can be used for Public Transit;

AND WHEREAS the Rapid Transit Task Force in 2005 recommended building Bus Rapid Transit with Phase One being the Southwest Corridor utilizing matching funding from the three levels of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg endorses utilizing Manitoba's portion of the Federal transit money to build Phase one of BRT from downtown to Jubilee Avenue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg will negotiate a cost sharing agreement with the province in addition to using the recently announced Federal funding to be spent on phase one of the Southwest Bus Rapid Transit Corridor.