

# Action Transmittal

TAC Planning Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** August 8, 2024

**Date:** August 1, 2024

## Action Transmittal: 2024-38

Functional Classification Change Request: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Streets in Downtown Saint Paul

**To:** TAC Planning Committee

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### Requested Action

The City of Saint Paul requests a roadway functional classification change from Major Collector to Minor Arterial – Augmentor for the following:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Street from West 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Wall Street.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Smith Avenue to Wall Street.

### Recommended Motion

That the TAC Planning Committee recommend TAC approve the functional classification change request from Major Collector to Minor Arterial – Augmentor for 5<sup>th</sup> Street from West 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Wall Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Smith Avenue to Wall Street in downtown Saint Paul.

### Background and Purpose

The City of Saint Paul is requesting a change of the functional classification of 5th and 6th Streets, which are one-way pairs in downtown Saint Paul, from Major Collector to Minor Arterial - Augmentor. Minor arterials are roadways that supplement and provide connections to the principal arterial system, typically serving short-to-medium trips and supporting local bus service. They carry higher volumes of traffic than local roadways and typically have few direct access points to businesses or residential facilities.

5<sup>th</sup> Street serves as the main eastbound thoroughfare through downtown Saint Paul, while 6<sup>th</sup> is the primary westbound thoroughfare. The roadways have direct connections to I-94, serving as major distributors from the interstate to and from downtown Saint Paul. They also provide service to large regional job concentrations in downtown Saint Paul, accommodate major transit routes, and have an annual average daily traffic (AADT) volume consistent with other minor arterials.

Attached is the application submitted by the City of Saint Paul and a map of the proposed change.

### Staff Analysis

The proposed change of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets to the Minor Arterial – Augmentor classification more closely reflects the characteristics and function of the roadways. They provide direct access to the interstate system, serve high volumes of traffic and transit service, and provide connections to major employers in downtown Saint Paul.

## Routing

To	Action Requested	Date Completed (Date Scheduled)
TAC Planning Committee	Review & Recommend	<i>August 8, 2024</i>
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Adopt	<i>September 1, 2024</i>

