

## Skyway Improvements

The skyway is a private-public partnership that requires cooperation between public and private parties in order to work effectively. I believe the City of St. Paul, building owners, the Downtown Alliance and the Met Council all have a role to play in ensuring the skyway remains safe, clean and welcoming.

### City of Saint Paul

- Provide dedicated skyway patrol officers who can respond quickly to emergencies in the skyway
- Create coordination plan to ensure Metro Transit Police and SPPD are working collaboratively on patrols
- Request assistance from Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Ramsey County Sheriff for stronger enforcement of drug possession and other crimes
- Provide information to building owners, managers and security personnel on their responsibilities under the ordinance, how to use the downtown pager system, who to call to assist the homeless, and more
- Hold private property owners accountable for fulfilling their responsibilities under the skyway ordinance (see below)

### Building Owners

- Fulfill responsibilities under the skyway ordinance, including:
  - o Maintain skyway in a clean, sanitary, safe and seasonally adjusted comfortable temperature, repair and replace damaged or deteriorated portions of the skyway and remove clutter
  - o Provide security either through video surveillance which is monitored live during all hours of skyway operation OR security personnel who patrol at least once per hour, or as approved by the Department of Safety and Inspections and St. Paul Police Department
  - o Open skyways at 6 am and lock skyways at 12 am. Ingress from the street can be locked as soon as all commercial businesses within the building are closed for the day.

### Downtown Alliance

- Maintain Safety and Communications Center, in which downtown camera feeds are viewed simultaneously and police dispatched accordingly
- Install intercom capability for cameras in the skyway and vertical connection, in partnership with City, Met Council, etc.
- Provide "Street Team" ambassadors in portions of the skyway that are part of the Downtown Improvement District, or where property owners have agreed to pay for their services

### Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit

- Provide dedicated security staffing to skyway and light rail platform
- Increase camera monitoring by MTPD Real Time Information Center (RTIC)
- Wrap skyway bridge near vertical connection to limit visibility
- Install signage indicating the presence of cameras in the skyway and vertical connection
- Issue RFP for redevelopment of Central Station Block, in partnership with the City