



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** June 18, 2013

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Bluff Street Trail Project Trail Use License Agreements**

### Recommendation:

- A. Authorize the proper City officers to negotiate and execute a License Agreement with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to operate and maintain a portion of the Bluff Street Trail on MPRB property.
- B. Authorize the proper City officers to negotiate and execute a Maintenance Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) to operate and maintain a portion of the Bluff Street Trail within MNDOT Right-of Way.

### Previous Directives:

- Council Action (August 17, 2012) Authorize the proper City officers to enter into a Limited Use Permit with MNDOT to operate and maintain a portion of the Bluff Street Trail within the right-of-way of the I-35W over the Mississippi River Bridge.
- Council Action (December 14, 2011) Council Adopted Budget authorizing the Bluff Street Trail (CBR BIK025).
- Council Action (February 15, 2008) Authorize the proper city officers to negotiate and enter into a cost participation agreement with Mn/DOT regarding the I-35W Bridge Reconstruction Project to allow for an access tunnel under the freeway.

### Department Information:

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Meseret Wolana, Jack Yuzna

**Reviews** NA

## **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

## **Community Impact**

- City Goals: Livable Communities, Healthy Lives.

## **Supporting Information**

### Background

In 2008 as the design for the I-35W Replacement Bridge was moving forward, Public Works identified an opportunity to connect the on-street bicycle trail on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to the off-road trail over Bridge #9 & the Mississippi River by the including a pre-cast concrete box culvert under I-35W. The project will provide an off-road trail from Bridge #9 through the MPRB Bluff St Park, extending under I-35W through the box culvert where it becomes an on-street trail connecting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S on-street bike lanes.

Both the MPRB and MNDOT have agreed to allow the City to use portions of their property for the trail. MNDOT has already granted the City a Limited Use Permit for the trail with the condition that the City complete a Maintenance & Operating (M&O) Agreement for the portion of the trail on MNDOT ROW. The Federal grant requires that the trail improvements on MPRB property are available for the life of the trail facility. MPRB will enter into a license agreement to satisfy the federal requirement.

### Funding

The total project budget is \$2,200,000. Public Works expects \$800,000 in federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot (NTP) program funds and approximately \$300,000 from Hennepin County. The current funding is approximately:

Federal Funds	\$800,000
Hennepin County	\$300,000
<u>City - NDB</u>	<u>\$1,100,000</u>
Total	\$2,200,000

### Schedule

Once these agreements are executed, Public Works intends to begin construction in early-August 2013 and complete the project in October 2013.

Attachment: Map

cc: CM Cam Gordon, Ward 2

CM Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

## RESOLUTION

### CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE BLUFF STREET BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL THROUGH BLUFF STREET PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis intends to construct a bicycle and pedestrian trail from Bridge #9, through Bluff Street Park and through the existing box culvert tunnel under the I-35W constructed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) agrees the trail is beneficial to both the City and MPRB; and

WHEREAS, the MPRB further has agreed to allow the construction through its Bluff Street Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Minneapolis will enter into a License Agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the operation and maintenance of that portion of the Bluff Street Trail within the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board property.

## RESOLUTION

### CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL UNDER THE I-35W ADJACENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis intends to construct a bicycle and pedestrian trail under the I-35W adjacent to the Bridge over the Mississippi River through an existing box culvert tunnel constructed for this purpose as part of the I-35W River Bridge project, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation requires a maintenance agreement for the construction and utilization the portion of the Bluff Street Trail project within Minnesota Department of Transportation right-of-way under said I-35W.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Minneapolis will enter into a maintenance agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation to operate and maintain the portion of the Bluff Street Trail within the right-of-way of the I-35W Mississippi River Bridge. The City of Minneapolis shall construct, operate, and maintain said trail in accordance with the Limited Use Permit granted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor are authorized to execute said maintenance agreement.