

RESOLUTION # 20-15
Mississippi River Boulevard Crossing at Hidden Falls Headwaters

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation assembled the community and key stakeholders to advise in the development of parks and open space for the Highland Bridge site; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation has overseen and participated in master plans including and adjacent to the former Ford site including the Great River Passage Master Plan, Hidden Falls Crosby Farm Regional Park Master Plan and the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has carried forward the mission to connect the city and residents to parks and create links between neighborhoods and regional parks; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation led an interdepartmental team to manage the feasibility study for a pedestrian and stormwater crossing under Mississippi River Boulevard between the Highland Bridge site (at Park C) and Hidden Falls Regional Park that will connect adjacent to the falls; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation worked with the other departments to identify funds to complete design and construction for Phase 1 of the crossing including Capitol Region Watershed Grant (\$926, 063), existing Parks and Trails Legacy funding (\$475,000), Parkland Dedication Funds (\$110,000), Capital Improvement Bonds (\$100,000) transfer from General Fund (\$100,000) and Tax Increment Financing (\$200,000); therefore, be it

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission endorses the conceptual design and recommends to the Mayor and City Council that, should the City approve the acceptance of the Capitol Region Watershed District grant, that the City leverage those dollars to complete the project using the aforementioned sources to construct Mississippi River Boulevard Crossing at Hidden Falls Headwaters; and

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on September 10, 2020:



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Approved: Yes

Yeas	5
Nays	1
Absent	3

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Attested to by:

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Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission



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