EXHIBIT A

FORM OF SERIES 2017A BOND

No. R-

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Registered Owner: CEDE & CO.

| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RAMSEY | | | | | |
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| CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND SERIES 2017A | | | | | |
| INTEREST RATE | MATURITY DATE | DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE | CUSIP | | |

April 6, 2017

792881

Principal Amount: _____DOLLARS

March 1, 20___

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "Issuer" or "City"), certifies that it is indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, on the Maturity Date specified above, with interest thereon from the date hereof at the annual rate specified above, payable March 1 and September 1 in each year, commencing September 1, 2017, to the person in whose name this Series 2017A Bond is registered at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. The interest hereon and, upon presentation and surrender hereof, the principal hereof are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft by the City Treasurer, as Registrar, Paying Agent, Transfer Agent, and Authenticating Agent, or its designated successor under the Resolutions described herein. For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due, the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the City have been and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

The City may elect on March 1, 2025, and on any day thereafter, to prepay the Series 2017A Bonds due on or after March 1, 2026 at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, without premium.

This Series 2017A Bond is one of an issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$9,960,000, all of like original issue date and tenor, except as to number, maturity date, redemption privilege, and interest rate, all issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the City Council on March 8, 2017 (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of providing money to: (i) provide financing for capital improvement projects set forth in the 2017 capital improvement plan of the City duly adopted pursuant to and in full conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of

Minnesota, including Laws of Minnesota for 1971, Chapter 773, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475; and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2017A Bonds. The principal hereof and interest hereon are payable primarily from ad valorem taxes, as set forth in the Resolution to which reference is made for a full statement of rights and powers thereby conferred. The full faith and credit of the City are irrevocably pledged for payment of this Series 2017A Bond and the City has obligated itself to levy additional ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the City in the event of any deficiency, which additional taxes may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount. The Series 2017A Bonds are issued only as fully registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof of single maturities. The interest on this Series 2017A Bond shall be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days and twelve 30-day months.

As provided in the Resolution and subject to certain limitations set forth therein, this Series 2017A Bond is transferable upon the books of the City at the principal office of the Registrar, by the registered owner hereof in person or by the owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or the owner's attorney; and may also be surrendered in exchange for Series 2017A Bonds of other authorized denominations. Upon such transfer or exchange the City will cause a new Series 2017A Bond or Series 2017A Bonds to be issued in the name of the transferee or registered owner, of the same aggregate principal amount, bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date, subject to reimbursement for any tax, fee or governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

The City and the Registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name this Series 2017A Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof, whether this Series 2017A Bond is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, and neither the City nor the Registrar will be affected by any notice to the contrary.

This Series 2017A Bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under the Resolution until the Certificate of Authentication hereon has been executed by the Registrar by manual signature of one of its authorized representatives.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED, COVENANTED AND AGREED that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota to be done, to exist, to happen and to be performed preliminary to and in the issuance of this Series 2017A Bond in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the City in accordance with its terms, have been done, do exist, have happened and have been performed as so required, and that the issuance of this Series 2017A Bond does not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation of indebtedness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, by its City Council has caused this Series 2017A Bond to be executed on its behalf by the facsimile signature of its Mayor, attested by the facsimile signature of its City Clerk, and countersigned by the facsimile signature of its Director, Office of Financial Services.

| | CITY OF SAINT PAUL, RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA |
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| | Mayor or Designee Attest: |
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| | City Clerk or Designee |
| | Countersigned: |
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| | Director, Office of Financial Services or Designee |
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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Series 2017A Bonds delivered pursuant to the Resolution mentioned within.

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

| Ву | | | |
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| | City Treasurer | | |

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Series 2017A Bond, will be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

| TEN COM as tenants in common | UNIF GIFT MIN ACT Custodian | | | |
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| | (Cust) | (Minor) | | |
| TEN ENT as tenants by entireties | | Gifts or Transfers to Minors | | |
| JT TEN as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common | | | | |

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

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ASSIGNMENT

| For value r | eceived, the | undersigned | • | | assigns and ies 2017A Bo | | |
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| thereunder, and doe attorney to transfer t Series 2017A Bond, | the said Series | 2017A Bond | ite and ap | opoint _ ooks ke | pt for registra | | |
| Dated: | | | | | | | |
| Notice: | • | r's signature pears upon th hout alteration | e face of | the with | nin Series 201 | | |
| Signature Guarantee | ed: | | | | | | |
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