

EXHIBIT A

EAB PROJECT TASKS AND CHARACTERISTICS

- Roles
 - The City will be responsible for all aspects of implementing the work required to complete the EAB Project. This will include, but not be limited to, procuring required equipment, staffing, contracts, and materials to prepare for the project. The City will manage all the required steps, including contracts and staffing, to fully remove, stump, and replant all remaining public boulevard ash trees throughout the city.
 - The Port Authority will be responsible for completing all required steps to provide the funding of \$18M to the City to complete the EAB Project. The Port Authority will also partner and provide ongoing staffing support to assist the City in contractor outreach and maximizing opportunities in the marketplace to provide jobs.
- Jobs Program
 - Adding good paying jobs is a key component of the EAB Project.
 - Funding from the Port would be used to help procure approximately 25% of the 2,000 trees and materials that will be planted as part of the Jobs program annually
 - There is an identified need in our community for young people who are interested in securing a living wage job after high school.
 - In alignment with existing youth jobs goals, the City and Port Authority will partner with a local organization that is identified through a competitive solicitation process initiated by the City to develop a training program to support the planting and initial maintenance needs of the overall project.
 - Young people are regularly seeking connections to careers in the trades. This program would provide the job experience and personal support to help put them on the path to good paying green industry labor jobs.
- Fiscal Analysis
 - The project will include analysis of the Impact to Property Values including:
 - Median sized home and lot in Saint Paul public boulevard/right of way
 - Approximate number of trees for an average home/lot
 - Impact of each tree on the value of the home
 - Levy Impacts
 - The project will include a table of levy impacts resulting from the repayment of the debt
- Equity
 - Advancing City and Port Authority's goals around equity will be a key component of the EAB Project
 - Preserving and growing the city's asset of trees and green space is important to the health of Saint Paul residents. Trees are the lungs of the city; they purify the air, and store carbon, reducing the greenhouse effect. Lower income neighborhoods and communities of color are currently experiencing the lowest level of tree canopy. The EAB Project will expedite reforestation of trees lost to EAB helping to immediately address this inequity.
- Sustainability
 - Urban forests provide a multitude of benefits including reducing the urban heat island effect, supporting stormwater management, and acting as a carbon sink (absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere), among other benefits.

- Green infrastructure provides a variety of benefits for climate resiliency and sustainability, and the reforestation as part of the EAB Project will help in achieving the city's long-term climate goals.
- This project will promote the proactive replacement of declining ash trees with a diverse mix of species to build urban forest resiliency and increase canopy cover.
- Bond Sale
 - The Port Authority will partner with the City and issue bonds necessary to complete the EAB project as part of the City's annual spring bond sale
 - Split issuance will be determined based on proposed spend timeline and based on mutual agreement with City and Port
 - Draw Process of Bond Proceeds
 - Similar to other grants, City will establish a capital project and will request reimbursement from the Bonds/Port Authority on no more than a monthly draw basis
 - All expenses incurred following adoption of ordinance that are eligible as part of this project will be able to be reimbursed from this funding source
 - The City will certify expenses being submitted are eligible under this agreement and will maintain detailed records to support each request for reimbursement
- Eligible costs
 - Work
 - All costs required to complete the EAB Project – including both contractor and city staff for all aspects of removal/replanting of all remaining public ash trees
 - This includes required planning and mobilization of the Project
 - This includes all required work to complete the removal, hauling of existing ash tree, and clean-up of removal site
 - Both City staff and contractor performed
 - Removal of stump where new tree will re-planted
 - Both City staff and contractor performed
 - Replanting of new tree
 - Both City staff and contractor performed
- Trees
 - All costs required for tree and materials to replant new trees and complete EAB Project
- Equipment
 - All costs for equipment to complete EAB Project
 - Includes one-time costs to procure equipment and ongoing maintenance/fleet costs to ensure equipment remains useful for duration of the EAB Project
 - City will prioritize purchase over lease with the City retaining ownership after the completion of the EAB Project to help ensure the assets (trees) can reach their expected useful life of 25+ years