



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the State to commission a painted public art installation on the State-owned State Trail Bridge facing the City administered Grand Round Regional Trail.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, are authorized to enter into agreements to exercise jointly or cooperatively governmental powers common to each and to permit one governmental entity to perform services or functions for another governmental unit; and

WHEREAS, the City and the State (the "Jurisdictions") are governmental units as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59; and

WHEREAS, the State owns and/or administers the former railroad bridge that carries the Gateway State Trail over East Wheelock Parkway (the "State Trail Bridge") located in Sec. 20, T29N, R22W, Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, the City administers the Grand Round Regional Trail, located along and adjacent to Wheelock Parkway, that traverses that Gateway State Trail Corridor under the State Trail Bridge (the "Grand Rounds"); and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the establishment of public art to enhance and promote Saint Paul's identity as a livable and creative city and a desirable place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the State to commission, on the Grand Round facing portion of the State Trail Bridge along Wheelock Avenue, a painted art installation; and

WHEREAS, the State will be solely responsible for the administration, operations, and maintenance of the State Trail Bridge and the Gateway State Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the cooperation with the City and the State for public artwork overlooking the Grant Round Regional Trail promotes the City's commitment to public art as an important asset of the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby authorizes the appropriate City officials to enter into the attached Cooperative Agreement with the State of Minnesota and any amendments to the agreement.