



## Legislation Text

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Granting approval to submit the 2012 / 2017 Regional Parks and Trails Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) request to the Metropolitan Council.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul performs significant services for citizens of the Metropolitan area and all Minnesota residents through its ownership and operation of Regional Parks and Trails; and  
WHEREAS, the City supports and will continue to support the cooperative efforts of the State of Minnesota, Metropolitan Council, and Regional Park Implementing Agencies to provide resources for the betterment of the Regional Parks and Trails system; and  
WHEREAS, assuming the State issues \$10,500,000 in bonds for regional parks biennially, to be matched with \$7,000,000 in Met Council bonds for a total projected amount of \$17,500,000 for metro regional parks; and  
WHEREAS, St. Paul's share of this assumed amount is a percent share based on a formula that allocates 70% for each Implementing Agency's share of the metro population, and 30% for each IA's share of non-local visits it hosted; and  
WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council biennially solicits grant applications for its 3 biennium, 6 year CIP for a projected allocation per biennium of \$17,500,000; subject to modification, approval and appropriation by the Met Council and the Legislature, of which approximately \$2,305,000 per biennium may be granted to Saint Paul Regional Parks and Trails based on formulas currently in state statute; and  
WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Regional Park System currently open for public use encompasses over 53,000 acres of parkland and includes 38 regional parks, 12 park reserves, 6 special recreation features and 231 miles of regional trails in 33 segments. These park/trail units are owned and operated by ten regional park implementing agencies of which the City of Saint Paul, Parks and Recreation Department is included as the Implementing Agency for St. Paul, and City of St. Paul regional parks and trail corridors encompass 3,778 acres, which together have over 7.2 million visits annually; and  
WHEREAS, these funds may be matched on some projects with funds from the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy amendment to Minnesota's Constitution, which dedicates 3/8ths of 1% of the state sales tax to clean water, habitat, arts, and parks and trails of state or regional significance; as well as City CIP and other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, such Metropolitan Council Regional Park and Trail funds can be used only for facilities of statewide or regional significance, and include development and redevelopment of such amenities as trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas, overlooks and support items; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department will administer the granted funds; and  
WHEREAS, In accordance with 2008 M.S. Sec. 85.53, Subd. 3, the funds would be disbursed to Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department projects per the attached Exhibit A CIP table;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Saint Paul, that support is granted for the Park and Recreation Department's request to the Metropolitan Council for the final 2012 and 2013 request, and the projected 2014 through 2017 requests, and authorizes staff to submit the 2012 to 2017 CIP to the Metropolitan Council.

### **Exhibit A - City of Saint Paul 2012 thru 2017 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Plan**

#### **2012/2017 Regional Park CIP - Project Priorities**

| PROJECTS   | ESTIMATE  | DESCRIPTION  |
|--|-----------|--|
| 2012/2013 CIP<br>Project Priorities<br>Final Request |           |  |
| <b>St. Paul's 12/13<br/>amount \$2,305</b>           |           |  |
| Como Regional<br>Pool Reimburse                      | 1,103,780 | Como<br>o<br>Pool<br>proje<br>ct<br>requi<br>red<br>additi<br>onal<br>fundi<br>ng<br>due<br>to<br>unsta<br>ble<br>soil<br>condi<br>tions<br>enco<br>unter<br>ed<br>durin<br>g<br>const<br>ructio<br>n. |

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| Lilydale Region<br>Park                                | 1,201,220          | Master<br>Plan<br>Impl<br>eme<br>ntati<br>on:<br>Pha<br>sed<br>desi<br>gn,<br>engi<br>neer<br>ing,<br>and<br>cons<br>truct<br>ion<br>of<br>new<br>road<br>way,<br>trails<br>and<br>picni<br>c<br>shelt<br>er<br>cons<br>truct<br>ion |
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| <b>2012 to 2013 T</b>                                  | <b>\$2,305,000</b> |  |
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| 2014/2015 CIP<br>Project Priorities<br>Planning Reque  |                    |  |
| <b>St. Paul's 14/1<br/>fund amount<br/>\$2,305,000</b> |                    |  |

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| Como Entrance<br>Roads/Lighting            | 345,000 | Esta<br>brook<br>Drive<br>renov<br>ation;<br>and<br>Kauf<br>man<br>Drive<br>,<br>lighti<br>ng  |
| MRT :Saint Pau<br>Dakota County<br>Section | 860,000 | Desi<br>gn/en<br>ginee<br>ring<br>and<br>const<br>ructio<br>n<br>admi<br>n for<br>Fede<br>ral<br>STP<br>Tran<br>sport<br>ation<br>Enha<br>ncem<br>ents<br>grant<br>appli<br>catio<br>n |

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| Lilydale Region<br>Park                                 | 1,100,000          | Phased<br>Master<br>Plan<br>Implementation:<br>Roadway,<br>Trails<br>and<br>Picnic<br>Shelter<br>construction |
| <b>2014 to 2015 Total</b>                               | <b>\$2,305,000</b> |   |
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| 2016/2017 CIP<br>Project Priorities<br>Planning Request |                    |   |
| <b>St. Paul's 16/17<br/>fund amount<br/>\$2,305,000</b> |                    |   |
| Lilydale Region<br>Park                                 | 1,000,000          | Phased<br>Master<br>Plan<br>Implementation:<br>Roadway,<br>Trails<br>and<br>Picnic<br>Shelter<br>construction |

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| MRT: Saint Paul<br>Dakota County<br>Section | 594,000            | Cons<br>tructi<br>on<br>matc<br>h to<br>the<br>Fede<br>ral<br>STP<br>Tran<br>sport<br>ation<br>Enha<br>ncem<br>ents<br>grant<br>appli<br>cation |
| Hidden Falls                                | 711,000            |   |
| <b>2016 to 2017 T</b>                       | <b>\$2,305,000</b> |   |