



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City's ranked list of 2022 State G.O. bonding requests and support for local nonprofit partner State G.O. bonding projects for submittal to Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB).

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul recognizes that all State G.O. bonds have certain common requirements. They must be for a public purpose, authorized in the constitution, specified in law, and mature in not more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul understands that the principal purpose for which state G.O. bonds are issued is to acquire and better public land and buildings and to make other public capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul understands that a capital project, in general, is to acquire or improve fixed assets, such as land or buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul understands that bonds issued under the capital improvements provision may only be for publicly owned projects, whether state or local; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul understands that it is responsible for the ownership and operation of the nonprofit partner's governmental program, approval of all proposed legislative language and appropriation amount adjustments, and that no changes may be made without the City's prior written approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul requests support from the Minnesota State Legislature to fund capital projects to improve the City's infrastructure, public recreation, and economic development needs, understanding that City projects must be ranked; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul supports requests to the Minnesota State Legislature for capital investment needs of nonprofit partner projects after the City's bonding priorities are funded; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, that its 2022 capital project request to Minnesota Management and Budget include the following State G.O. bonding request, nonprofit partner projects:

City of Saint Paul Bonding Projects (ranked):

1. Eastbound Kellogg Boulevard RiverCentre Bridge: requested appropriation of \$23,400,000 for the design and reconstruction of the existing Eastbound Kellogg Boulevard RiverCentre Bridge.
2. Mississippi River Learning Center: requested appropriation of \$20,000,000 for construction of a year-round environmental, cultural, and historical learning recreation center.
3. Como Zoo Orangutan Exhibit: requested appropriation of \$12,000,000 for asset preservation for Entry Exhibits Phase 1 Orangutans.
4. North End Community Center: requested appropriation of \$16,000,000 to construct, furnish, and equip a 25,000 square foot state-of-the-art community center in the North End neighborhood of Saint Paul.

Nonprofit/County Partner Bonding Requests:

- YMCA Community Center: requested appropriation of \$10,000,000 to construct a

- 25,000 square foot state-of-the-art community center in downtown Saint Paul.
- The Playwrights' Center: requested appropriation of \$3,150,000 for a comprehensive play development program and workshop facility for cultural arts public recreation.
- Ramsey County RiversEdge: requested appropriation of \$26,000,000 to create a new, dynamic public realm connection between downtown Saint Paul and the Mississippi River.
- Reconnect Rondo Land Bridge: to develop and construct a community land bridge over Interstate Highway 94 between Chatsworth and Grotto, St. Anthony and Concordia.