

City of Saint Paul

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Legislation Text

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Adopting the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan (Laid over from January 19).

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission and the Saint Paul Transportation Committee are appointed bodies established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council's Regional Parks Policy Plan (RPPP) identifies a regional trail search corridor along Point Douglas Road between Burns Avenue and Bailey Road, making that segment eligible for designation as a regional trail; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council requires an approved master plan conforming to the requirements of the RPPP to designate a regional trail; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation assembled and facilitated a series of community and key stakeholder meetings, hired an engineering consultant, and worked across City and County agencies to develop a preferred alignment for the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul Transportation Committee recommended approval of the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Bike Plan, the Great River Passage Master Plan, the Mississippi River Trail Bikeway, and Regional Bicycle Transportation Network have identified transportation and recreation trail system goals along the Point Douglas Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, designation as a regional trail will make the Point Douglas Regional Trail eligible for regional capital funding to construct all segments and for regional operations and maintenance funding to operate all segments open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the completed trail is expected to become an important part of the City's and the Metropolitan Council's Regional Trail System; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul approves and adopts the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan and is hereby authorized to submit said master plan to the Metropolitan Council for review and approval.