

River Balcony Master Plan and River Balcony Basis of Design Report

SAINT PAUL RIVER BALCONY

MASTER PLAN

Adopted by Saint Paul City Council
as an amendment to the
Great River Passage Master Plan

June 21, 2017

RIVER BALCONY SAINT PAUL, MN BASIS OF DESIGN REPORT DECEMBER 2022

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Saint Paul River Balcony

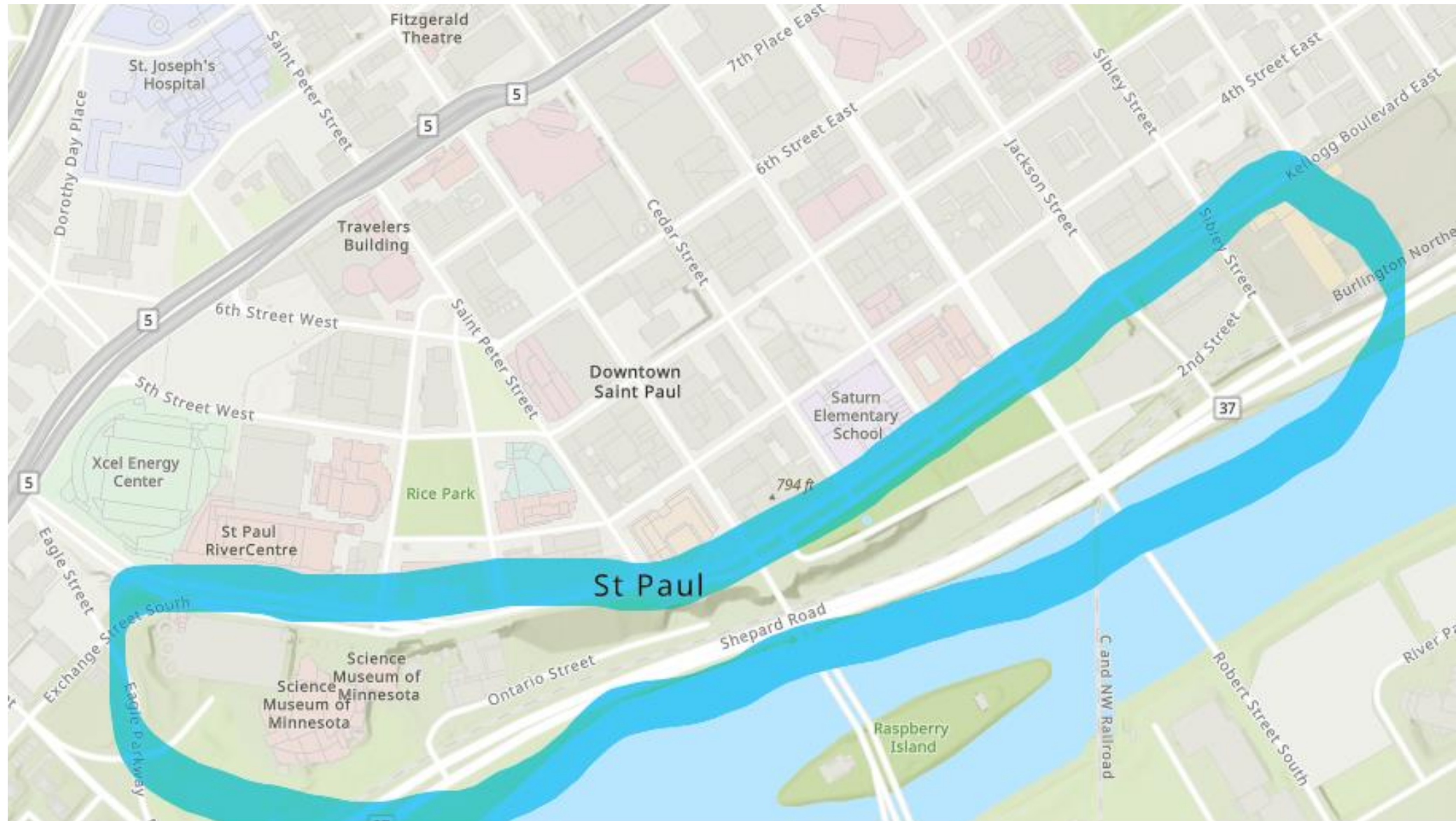
A proposed 1.5 mile public path from Union Depot to the Science Museum offering

- walking
- seating
- gathering
- places for activities

River Balcony is designed to be a catalyst for economic development



River Balcony: From Union Depot to Science Museum





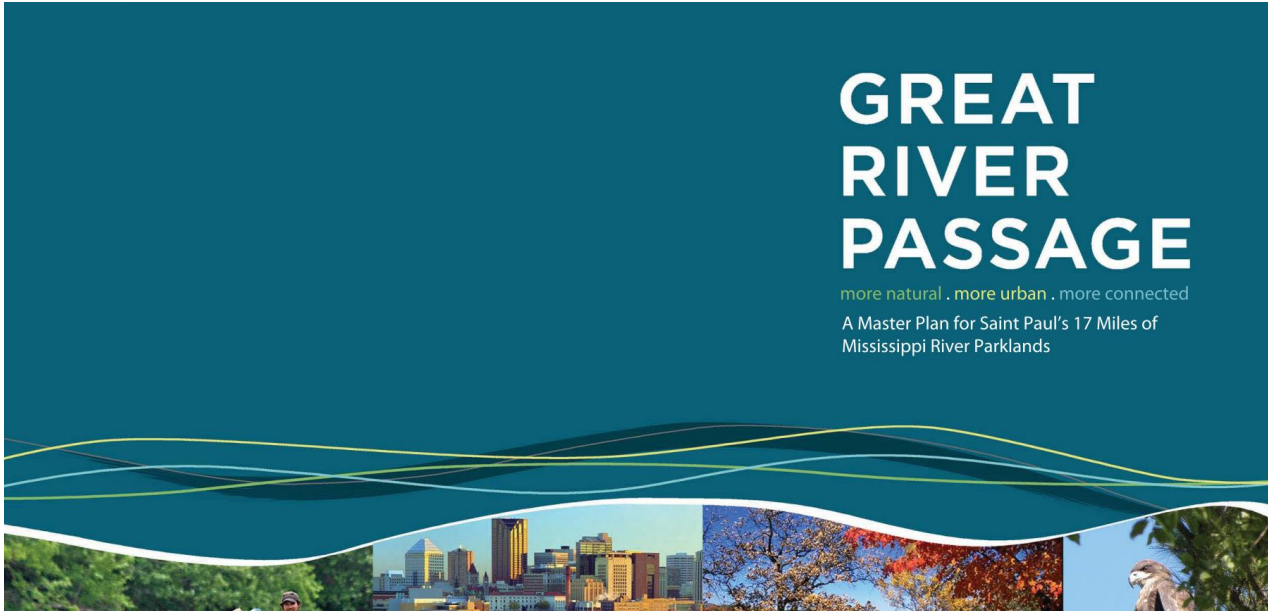
What is City Council being asked to do?

Approve the refined plans for the River Balcony as an addendum to the River Balcony Master Plan – The River Balcony Basis of Design Report contains the refined plans

- Allows the plans for the River Balcony to progress
- Allows staff to advance and refine the design as projects progress through the various phases of development
- Public Hearing scheduled for July 10, 2024



River Balcony Planning Documents



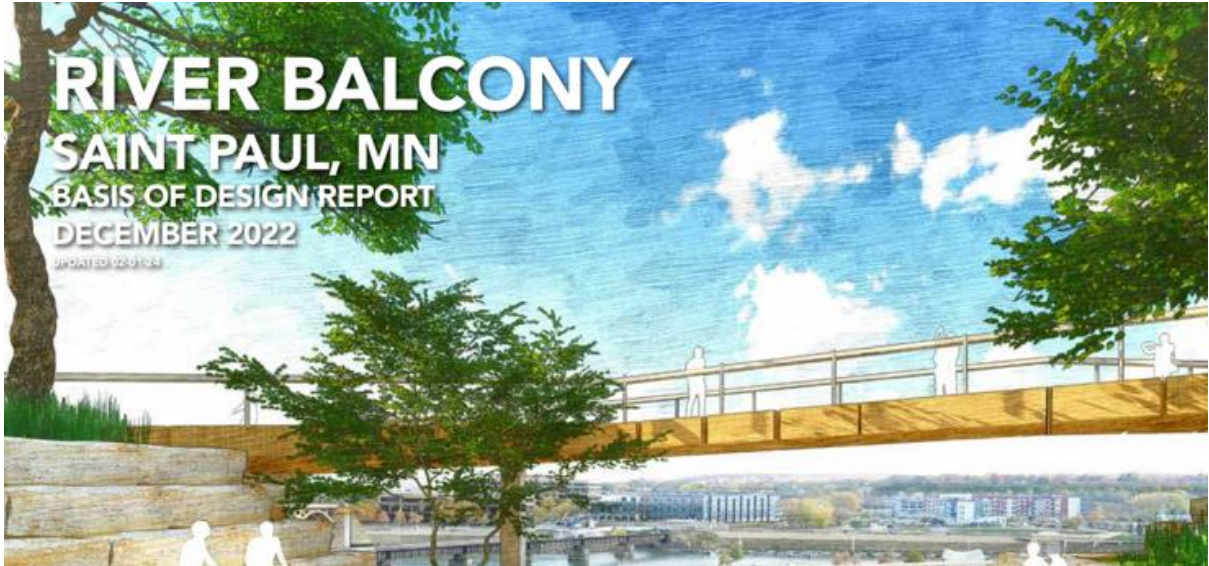
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DATE: May 31, 2024

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee

SUBJECT: River Balcony Master Plan Proposed Addendum – Basis of Design Report

I. Executive Summary

The [River Balcony Master Plan](#) (master plan) was adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan in 2017. An addendum to the master plan is proposed to incorporate the Basis of Design Report (basis of design report), the next phase of planning for the River Balcony, into the master plan. This is proposed because there are key differences between the basis of design report and the master plan. The master plan states that “The design of each project must adhere to the master plan document as a baseline...” page 54. This memo provides background information on the master plan and identifies and assesses the key differences between the basis of design report and the master plan.



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Why approve the River Balcony Basis of Design Report as an addendum?

- It is **consistent** with the vision, goals, design principles of the master plan
- It is a **reasonable** near-term solution to advance development of a long-range aspiration plan for the river balcony
- It **advances** the design in preparation for design development and construction documents
- It is a **reality check** on the river balcony master plan given the cost of elevated elements
- It **responds** to changes in land use on Ramsey County property – RiversEdge site and Ramsey County East
- It **introduces** new and refined elements that are consistent with the master plan