



Resolution 2023-104

RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS TO HENNEPIN COUNTY FOR A SEGMENT OF THE EAST BANK TRAIL AS PART OF A CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – WITH THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN 1ST AVENUE NE AND HENNEPIN AVENUE NE, LOCATED WITHIN THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI RIVERFRONT REGIONAL PARK

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) was created by the Minnesota Legislature in April 1883 and has the authority to manage and operate park facilities;

Whereas, MPRB owns and operates Historic Main Street Park within the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park in Minneapolis, Minnesota;

Whereas, MPRB and the Metropolitan Council approved the master plan for the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park which envisions a trail along the East Bank referred to as “The Seam;”

Whereas, Hennepin County (County) and MPRB have developed an agreement to design the trail segment along Main Street between 1st Avenue NE and Hennepin Avenue NE in the City of Minneapolis (“Trail Project”);

Whereas, The County is leading a project to design a new multi-use trail on the south side of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 23 (Main Street Southeast) under County Project (CP) 2182100;

Whereas, As a part of CP 2182100, the County, in coordination with the City of Minneapolis, is leading a separate project to improve bikeway facilities along CSAH 52 (Hennepin Avenue) and CSAH 952 (1st Avenue) from CSAH 23 (Main Street Southeast) to 8th Street Southeast, (“Bikeway Project”) within the corporate limits of the City of Minneapolis;

Whereas, The County and MPRB have been negotiating to enter into a separate temporary easement agreement under which the Park Board will grant a temporary easement/access to the County to facilitate complete construction of the Trail Project;

Whereas, MPRB staff is not requesting compensation for the proposed temporary easements, as the easements are only necessary to complete the MPRB Trail Project; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported in Parks for All, the MPRB Comprehensive Plan 2021-2036, under Goal 3: “Provide core services with care” and Goal 4: “Work from our strengths and determine our role in partnerships;”



RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners grants Temporary Construction Easements to Hennepin County for a segment of the East Bank trail as part of a Construction Cooperative Agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on Main Street between 1st Avenue NE and Hennepin Avenue NE, located within the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.



TO: Administration and Finance Committee

FROM: Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent, Planning

DATE: 24 May 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS TO HENNEPIN COUNTY FOR A SEGMENT OF THE EAST BANK TRAIL AS PART OF A CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – WITH THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN 1ST AVENUE NE AND HENNEPIN AVENUE NE, LOCATED WITHIN THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI RIVERFRONT REGIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND

This action considers the granting of temporary construction easements to the Hennepin County (County) for a segment of the East Bank trail as part of a Construction Cooperative Agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) on Main Street between 1st Avenue NE and Hennepin Avenue NE, a part of the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park (*Attachment A*). Design of this trail segment allows for the next step in the completion of a portion of the East Bank Trail. The Trail Project is part of what is envisioned as part of “The Seam” as outlined in the master plan for the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park.

The County is leading a project to design a new multi-use trail on the south side of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 23 (Main Street Southeast) from 200 feet north of 1st Avenue Northeast to 200 feet south of Hennepin Avenue Northeast (“Trail Project”), under County Project (CP) 2182100. As a part of CP 2182100, the County, in coordination with the City of Minneapolis, is leading a separate project to improve bikeway facilities along CSAH 52 (Hennepin Avenue) and CSAH 952 (1st Avenue) from CSAH 23 (Main Street Southeast) to 8th Street Southeast, (“Bikeway Project”). MPRB and the County agree that the Trail Project will be constructed in conjunction with the Bikeway Project via the Construction Cooperative Agreement.

MPRB staff is not requesting compensation for the proposed temporary easements, as the easements are necessary to complete the MPRB Trail Project and benefit MPRB with the replacement of a guard rail on parkland at no cost.

This resolution is intended to move forward through Board adoption in tandem with the associated Construction Cooperative Agreement for the Trail Project.

Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement (*Attachment A*) as to form and legality.



PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS

- November 17, 2021 Resolution 2021-350: Resolution Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement Between Hennepin County and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for Cost Participation in Design Engineering of a Segment of the East Bank Trail on Main Street Between 1St Avenue NE and Hennepin Avenue NE, a Part of the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park
- September 28, 2022 Study Item 62-2022: Design and Coordination Update on Hennepin County's Hennepin and First Roadway Improvement Project Including a Segment of the East Bank Trail on Main Street Between 1st Avenue NE and Hennepin Avenue NE, a Part of the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park
- March 15, 2023 Resolution 2023-33: Resolution Approving Temporary Occupancy Under Section 4(F) of the Transportation Act of 1966 for Hennepin County's Hennepin/1st Avenue Roadway Improvements Within Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners grant Temporary Construction Easements to Hennepin County for a segment of the East Bank trail as part of a Construction Cooperative Agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on Main Street Between 1st Avenue NE and Hennepin Avenue NE, located within the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park.

This action is supported by the following goals and strategies in Parks for All, the MPRB Comprehensive Plan 2021-2036.

Goal:

03. Provide core services with care

04. Work from our strengths and determine our role in partnerships

Strategy:

16. Strive to achieve equitable levels of service across the system through data-driven analysis and alignment with MPRB values.

13. Collaborate with other agencies and organizations to share best practices in parks and recreation, governance, engagement, and public service.



This action is further supported by the **Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan**, which envisions completion of a trail connection along Main Street, known as “The Seam.”

Attachments:

1. ATTACHMENT A - Temporary Construction Easement Agreement - Hennepin County - The Seam Project - East Bank Trail

Jbr 5.24.2023.