Resolution 2013-248

Resolution Granting a Bicycle Detour Agreement with State of Minnesota at Minnehaha Falls Regional Park for Trunk Highway 5 Bridge Repairs

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

Whereas, The Park Board owns and operates Minnehaha Falls Regional Park;

Whereas, The State of Minnesota owns and operates Trunk Highway 5 Bridge (the Bridge) over the Mississippi River near Minnehaha Falls Regional Park;

Whereas, The State of Minnesota plans to conduct repair work on the Bridge, necessitating closing the bike trail on the Bridge, and desires to detour bike trail traffic onto and through Minnehaha Falls Regional Park during the construction period;

Whereas, The Park Board is agreeable to the bike trail detour for the period of construction on the Bridge; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Dynamic park shape city character and meet diverse community needs;”

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the resolution granting a bike trail detour agreement with the State of Minnesota for Minnehaha Falls Regional Park for Trunk Highway 5 Bridge repairs; 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 & Finance Committee

FROM: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning

DATE: July 24, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution Granting a Bicycle Detour Agreement with State of Minnesota at Minnehaha Falls Regional Park for Trunk Highway 5 Bridge Repairs

BACKGROUND

The State of Minnesota must repair the Trunk Highway 5 Bridge (the Bridge) that crosses the Mississippi River near Minnehaha Falls Regional Park (the Park) and is requesting permission to detour bike traffic on and near the Bridge to and through the Park while the repairs are being made (see *Attachment A* for a map showing the bridge and detour area). The detour will require specific signage and other changes to the route to direct bicyclists to the detour trail routes (see *Attachment B* for map with changes). The action approves the proposed Agreement for Bicycle Detour (the Agreement), prepared by the State of Minnesota (*Attachment C*).

The repairs are expected to be completed within one construction season, either in 2014 or 2015. All detour signs and necessary alterations to trails will be paid for and performed by contractors hired by the State, and restoration and removal of all detour related items will occur within the same construction season as the repair work. The detour will not cause any serious damage or impingement on park activities, and all minor damage will be restored. Therefore, there will be no compensation from the State to the Park Board in connection with this proposed detour agreement.

Park Board legal counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of a resolution granting a bicycle detour agreement with the State of Minnesota at Minnehaha Falls Regional Park for Trunk Highway 5 Bridge Repairs.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statement in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Theme 3: Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs.
Goal: Focused land management supports current and future generations.

HISTORY:

07/10/13	**Administration & Finance Committee**	**ADOPTED**

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A. - Detour Map (PDF)
- Attachment B. - Detour Map Signage Detail (PDF)
- Attachment C - MnDOT Bike Detour Agreement (PDF)

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