Resolution 2017-129

Resolution Approving an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Installation, Operation, Maintenance and Electrical Energy Responsibilities for the Trail Lighting Under Trunk Highway No. 94, Bridge No.'S 27717 and 27810, North of 42Nd Avenue North

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, The MPRB owns and operates the trails located under two I-94 bridges, north of 42nd Avenue North, which connect to the North Mississippi Regional Park;

Whereas, The community has reached out to the MPRB and the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (State) requesting the trail segment be lit;

Whereas, The State will furnish and install lighting unit and provide ongoing power to those lights;

Whereas, The MPRB will provide maintenance to the lights;

Whereas, The agreement has been reviewed by MPRB staff and legal counsel, and the agreement was determined to be necessary and appropriate; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions "A safe place to play, recreate contemplate, and celebrate";

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners approve the execution of the agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the installation, operation, maintenance and electrical energy responsibilities for the trail lighting under Trunk Highway No. 94, Bridge No.'s 27717 and 27810, north of 42nd Avenue North; 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: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Jeremy Barrick, Assistant Superintendent for Environmental Steward

DATE: February 15, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Installation, Operation, Maintenance and Electrical Energy Responsibilities for the Trail Lighting Under Trunk Highway No. 94, Bridge No.'S 27717 and 27810, North of 42Nd Avenue North

BACKGROUND

This action considers the approval of an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (State) for the installation, operation, maintenance and electrical energy responsibilities for the trail lighting under Trunk Highway No. 94 (I-94), Bridge No.'s 27717 and 27810, north of 42nd Avenue North.

In early 2016, Commissioner Liz Wielinski was contacted by the Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association and the North Minneapolis Bicycle Advocacy Council requesting the restoration of lighting under I-94 for trail users. MPRB and State staff met in March and June 2016 to discuss the request.

The trails in discussion exist at the extension of 45th Avenue North (Bridge 27810) and between the extensions of 44th Avenue North and Webber Parkway (Bridge 27717) as shown in the attached exhibit. The trails connect to the North Mississippi Regional Park trails east of I-94.

The trails were lit, under at a least one of these I-94 crossings, in the 1980's, but ultimately de-energized later that decade due to electrical supply and vandalism issues. The infrastructure has since been removed.

The State has proposed to furnish and install lighting units, reviewed and agreed to by Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) staff, and provide ongoing power to those lights. In exchange, MPRB will provide maintenance to the lights. As described in the agreement, MPRB is responsible for immediate repairs in the event of graffiti and vandalism. However, if the State and MPRB mutually agree graffiti or vandalism becomes excessive, the State will remove the power supply. The agreement provides for authorization for MPRB staff to enter onto State right-of-way. Any expenses incurred for repair and upkeep of the lighting units will be funded in the annual Asset Management operation budget.

If approved, installation is anticipated later this year as a part of a larger State project on I-94. The State has been requested to pull a MPRB construction permit prior to construction.

A review of the agreement was conducted by MPRB staff and legal counsel, who found nothing out of the ordinary with the standard language.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends execution of the Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the installation, operation, maintenance and electrical energy responsibilities for the trail lighting under Trunk Highway No. 94, Bridge No.'s 27717 and 27810, north of 42nd Avenue North.

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

Vision Theme 4: A safe place to play, recreate contemplate, and celebrate.

Goal: Parks are safe and welcoming by design.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agreement No. 1026576_MPLS PARK BOARD_1-11-2017 (PDF)
- I-94 @ North Mississippi Regional Park underpass crossings (PDF)

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Review:

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