



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. E.

From: Chad A. Millner, PE, Director of Engineering

Action

Discussion

Date: July 15, 2014

Information

Subject: Approve Final Alignment of Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail

Action Requested:

Approve the final alignment of the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail.

Information / Background:

The Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) will present the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail (NMCRT) final alignment to the City Council. This information was presented to both the Edina Park Board and Edina Transportation Commission. Both commissions recommended approval. Please recall that on Dec. 7, 2010, the council approved the trail alignment with the understanding that the final design shall minimize property impacts and be subject to council's approval. The NMCRT portion of the December 7, 2010 council meeting minutes is attached.

TRPD has secured \$6 million in Federal and State Legacy Grants for the East Segment (east of Tracy Ave.) and is currently seeking federal funds for the West Segment. TRPD has decided to design and construct the trail as one project instead of independently. This approach is estimated to save over 10% in project costs. The entire project is expected to cost \$22 million.

TRPD has the following timeline for this project:

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| • City Council Review/Approval of Final Trail Design/Alignment | July 15, 2014 |
| • Preliminary Engineering Complete | September 2014 |
| • Construction Documents | December 2014 |
| • Regional Trail Agreement with City | Fall 2014 |
| • Out to Bid | January 2015 |
| • Construction Begins | Early 2015 |
| • Construction Completed | Early 2017 |
| • Trail Opens | Spring 2017 |

Attachments:

Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Edina Alignment Maps
Edina Transportation Commission Jun. 19, 2014 Draft Minutes
Portion of the December 7, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes

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- CITY OF EDINA PROPERTY
- EDINA SCHOOL DISTRICT #273 PROPERTY

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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT - NINE MILE CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL

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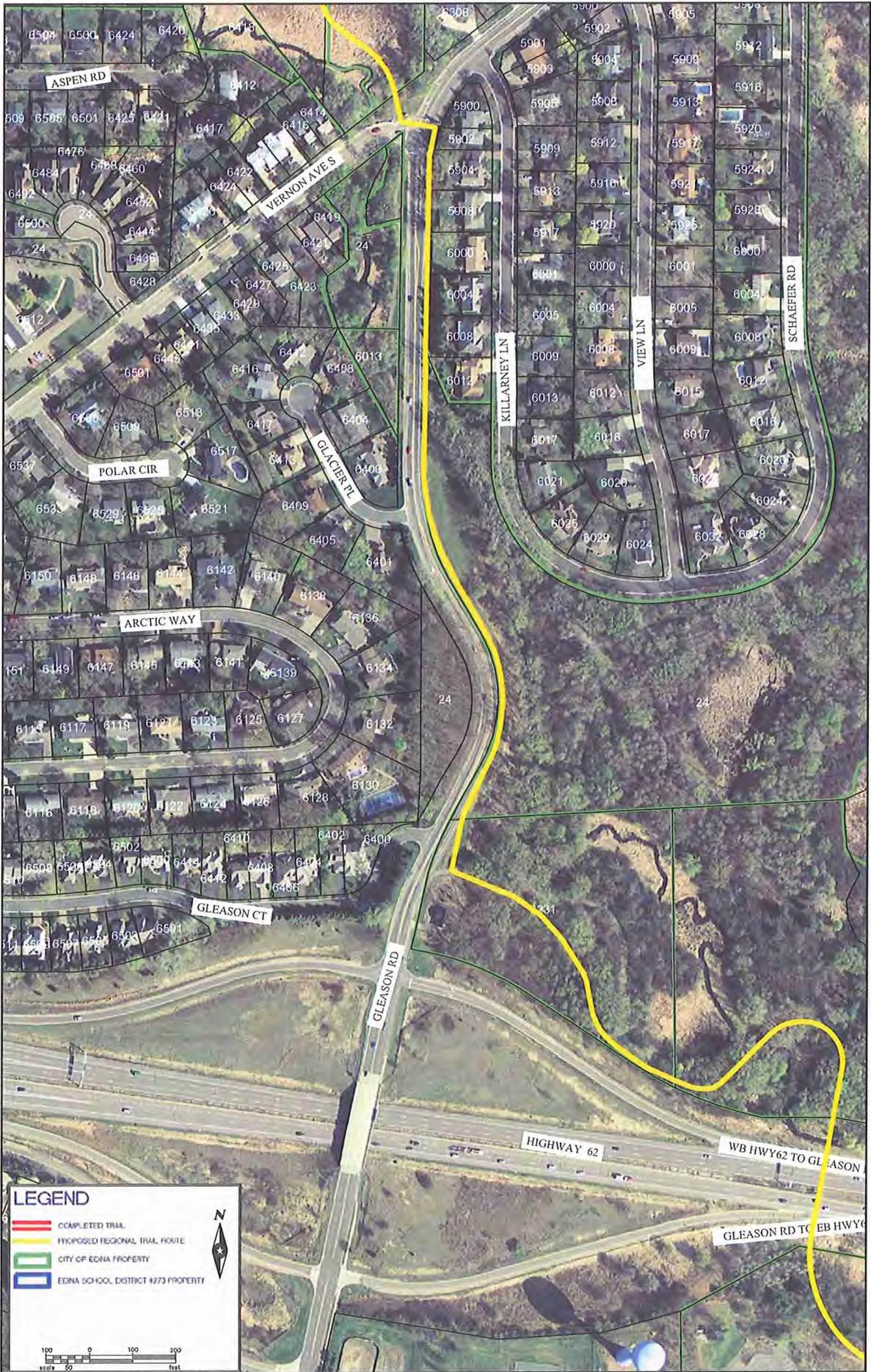
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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT - NINE MILE CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL

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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT - NINE MILE CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL

SEGMENT C1-C VERNON AVE TO HWY 62

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- PROPOSED REGIONAL TRAIL ROUTE
- CITY OF EDINA PROPERTY
- EDINA SCHOOL DISTRICT #273 PROPERTY

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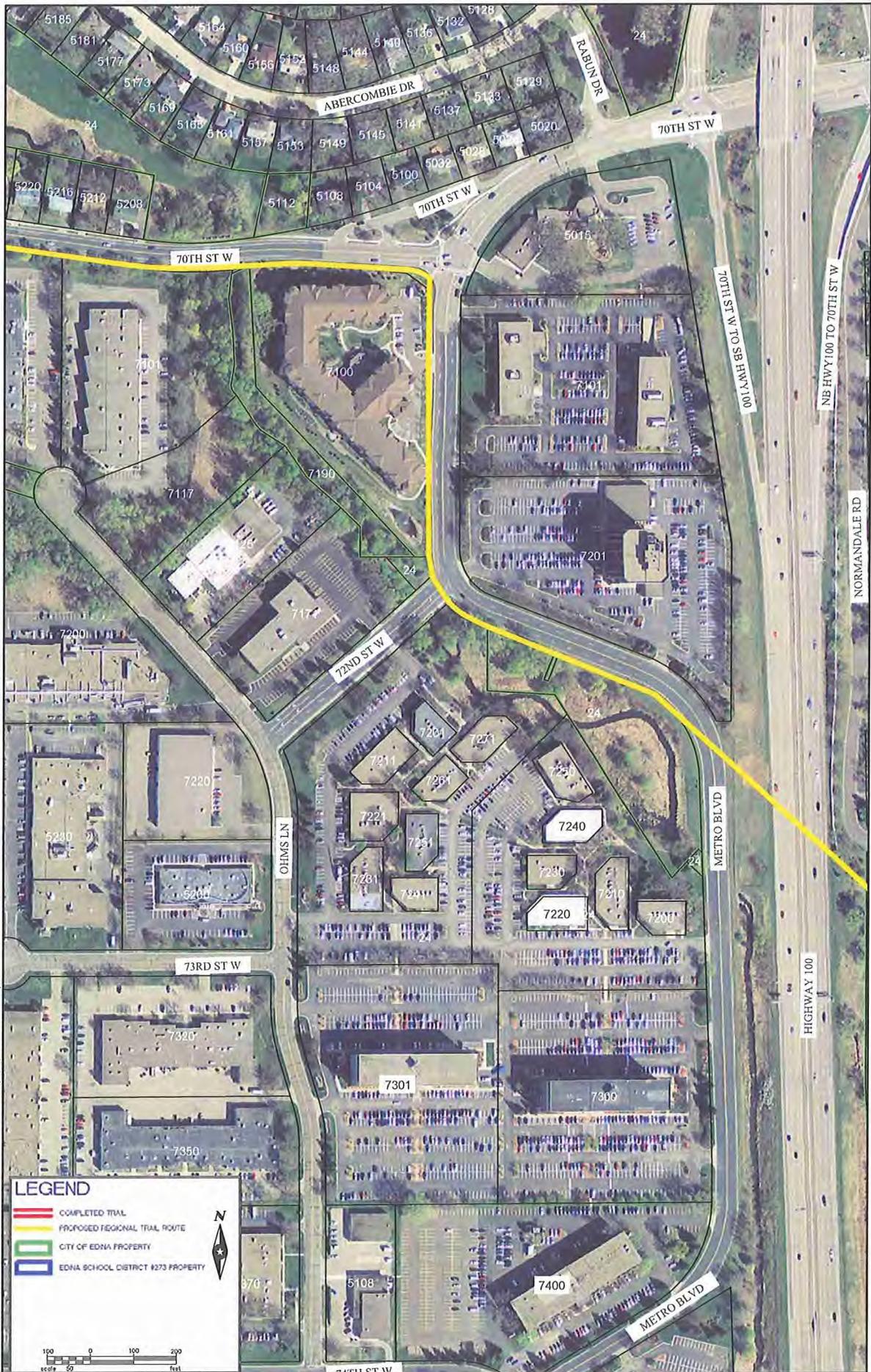
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DISTRICT - NINE MILE
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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT - NINE MILE CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL

SEGMENT D1-C WEST 70TH ST TO HWY 100

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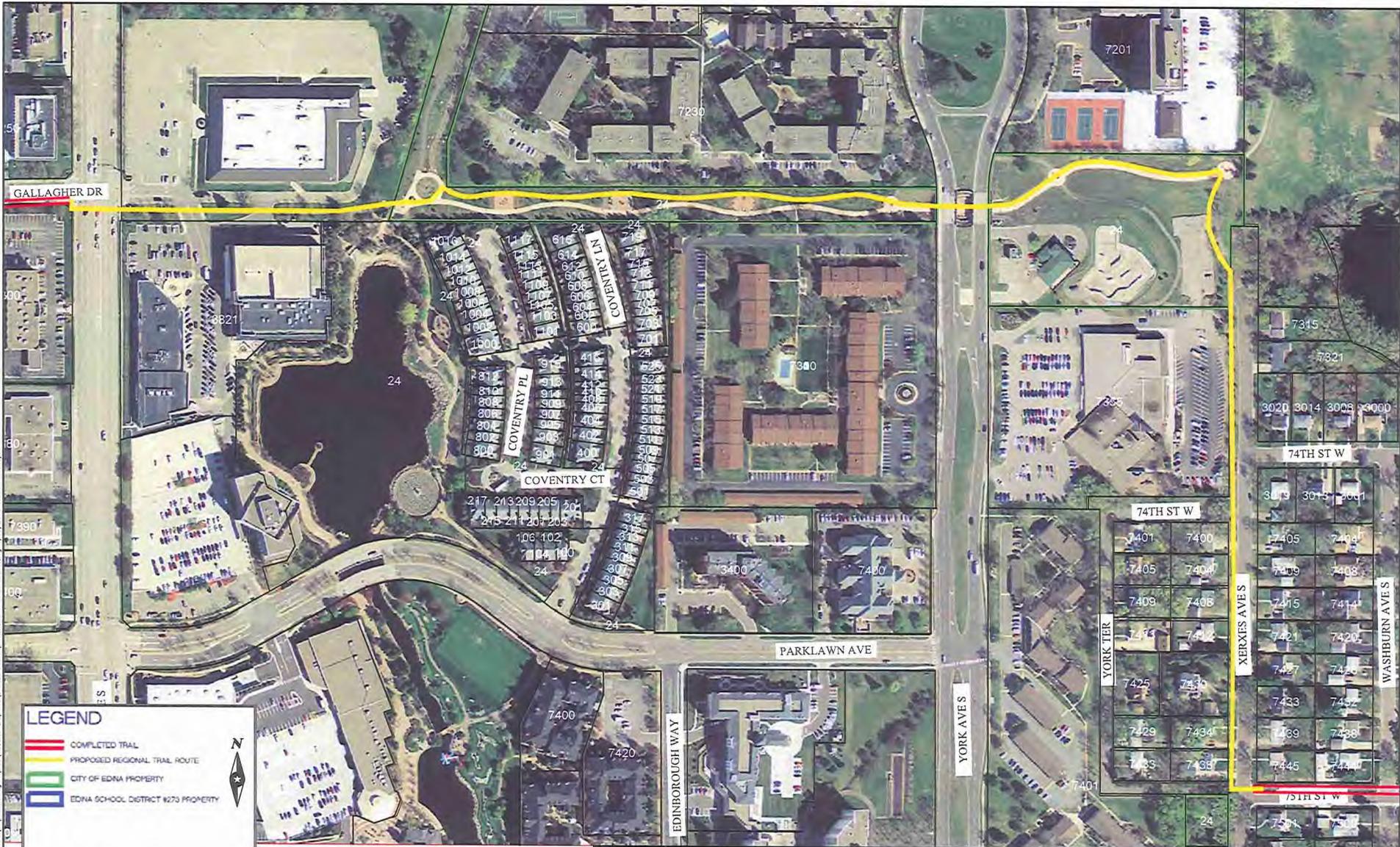


**THREE RIVERS PARK
DISTRICT - NINE MILE
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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT - NINE MILE CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL

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~~It was indicated the Council would take formal action on the budget and levy at its December 21, 2010 meeting and accept written comments until that date.~~

~~**SERVICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSH ACKNOWLEDGED** Mayor Hovland described the selfless service of Member Scott Housh, noting his term in office would end after the next meeting. The Members and audience responded with a round of applause.~~

PUBLIC HEARING HELD – NINE MILE REGIONAL TRAIL CREEK-BASED ALIGNMENT APPROVED Affidavits of Notice presented and ordered placed on file.

Mayor Hovland made an opening statement on issues related to the proposed Nine Mile Regional Trail, acknowledging there were opinions both in support of and against a creek-based alignment. He indicated the Council would respectfully listen to resident's testimony and act with integrity.

Park and Recreation Director Keprios provided a presentation detailing the historical background and consideration of the Nine Mile Regional Trail. He advised of the benefits of the proposed walking/biking trail, which would be at the expense of the Three Rivers Park District. Mr. Keprios then presented the rationale used by the Parks Board to formulate its recommendation to approve a creek-based route for the proposed Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail subject to five restrictions and conditions. He presented the timeline for the trail project should it be approved by the Council, noting the City would have the opportunity for input during the construction document phase. Mr. Keprios thanked all residents and Commissions that provided input and Three Rivers Park District staff for their responsiveness and professionalism during this process.

Mayor Hovland opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Public Testimony

Aliya Johnson, 5844 St. Johns Avenue, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Ted McKlveen, 5261 Lochloy Drive, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Matt Rock, 4515 Casco Avenue, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Austyn Blair Neuman-Shaw, 4238 Grimes Avenue S., addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Craig Zachman, 6624 Limerick Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Bob Schwartzbauer, 6107 Waterford Court, addressed the Council in opposition to a Segment 3 road-based trail.

Kim Montgomery, 5300 Evanswood Lane, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Richard Johnson, 5700 Tucker Lane, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Gene Persha, 6917 Cornelia Drive, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Nancy Crain, 4952 Poppy Lane, addressed the Council in support of constructing a barrier in the western side of Segment 19.

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Mike Platterer, 4304 Branson Street, representing the Edina Energy and Environmental Commission, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Ken Kadash, 6110 Waterford Court, addressed the Council in opposition to a Segment 3 road -based trail.

Harvey Johnson, 5505 Valley Lane, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail and submitted a survey of 750 residents also in opposition.

Andrew Heyer, 5717 Deville Drive, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Greg Frey, 6021 Killarney Lane S., addressed the Council in opposition to a trail.

Jeff Werbalowsky, 6000 Fox Meadow Lane, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Robert Lubar, 6619 Londonderry Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail and submitted a petition of 160 signatures in opposition.

Tom LaForce, 5901 Tingdale Avenue, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Paul Ratelle, 5521 Valley Lane, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Jessica Hulbert, 4601 Park Commons Drive, former resident, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Loren Vorlicky, 7060 Cahill, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Pat Corcoran, 4121 Monterey Avenue, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

James Hildebrand, 6808 Brook Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Diane Fansler-Wald, 5709 West 66th Street, addressed the Council in support of an off-road trail and opposition to road based trail in Segment 7.

Brad Scaepi, 4600 Bruce Avenue, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

David Thompson, 5517 Valley Lane, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Dan Atkins, 6812 Chapel Lane, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Jan Moe, 6519 Creek Drive, addressed the Council regarding trail adjacent property values.

Mary Lilja, 5809 McGuire Road, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Mary Ross, 312 Harrison, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Katherine Bass, 6917 Gleason Road, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Bjorn Thompson, 5517 Valley Lane, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Lori Richman, 5828 Ewing Avenue S., addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

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Tami Thompson, 5517 Valley Lane, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Vasanti Mudkanna, 5717 Deville Drive, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Fritz Corrigan, 6509 Biscayne Boulevard, addressed the Council in opposition to a trail.

Craig Jarvinen, 4351 Parkview Lane, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

James Moe, 6519 Creek Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Carl Follstad, 5709 Bernard Place, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Pam Johnson, 5505 Valley Lane, addressed the Council in opposition to the lack of process.

Peter Kelley, 4020 Inglewood Avenue, representing the Bike Edina Task Force, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Dan Peterson, 6520 Creek Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Raymond O'Connell, 4612 Valley View Road, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Marilyn Reilly, 6600 Londonderry Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Pat Fletcher, 5137 Halifax Avenue, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

James Peterson, 6520 Creek Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Janey Westin, 6136 Brookview Avenue, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Laurie Chapman, 6420 Aspen Road, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Carl Gulbranson, 7200 York Avenue, addressed the Council in support of creek based trail.

David Gepner, 6845 Penn Avenue, Richfield resident, addressed the Council in support of a regional trail.

Pat Teynor, 5525 Malibou Drive, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Diane Plunkett-Latham, 7013 Comanche Court, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Alice Hulbert, 7221 Tara Road, addressed the Council in support of a creek-based trail.

Judith Martin, 5232 West 70th Street, addressed the Council in opposition to a creek-based trail.

Member Housh made a motion, seconded by Member Brindle, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Housh, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

The Council asked Three Rivers Park District representatives to address questions raised during public testimony. Jonathan Vlaming, Three Rivers Park District, described their public safety division and patrols

conducted on an irregular schedule. The trails would close November 15 through March 31 unless the City wanted the trails to remain open and took responsibility for maintenance.

Cris Gears, Three Rivers Park District Superintendent, clarified the Council was being asked to select a trail route with the understanding that construction would be several years into the future. If approved, the District would work closely with the City in creating the construction plans and would obtain all funding from various agencies including the District's tax revenues by issuing bonds. He advised that Legacy Funds were available for trails of regional or State significance. He assured the Council that if approved there would be no special assessment against Edina properties and the District would not enter into an agreement binding the City to construction of the trail or to grant easements until the final alignment was agreed to and all funding was in place. Mr. Gears advised that the Park District had no intention to require parking construction and any parking solution would be done in full cooperation with the city. Mr. Vlaming indicated the next grant funding cycle would be March through June, 2011, and if successful in obtaining grants, construction would be in 2015 and 2016.

Boe Carlson, Three Rivers Park District, addressed homes that were in close proximity to the trail and assured the Council the District would work closely with the City and residents, on a one-on-one basis, to determine an acceptable proximity threshold and how the trail would be implemented to minimize impact through vegetation and physical materials. He explained that some cities permit a "patchwork" solution while others preferred a uniform aesthetic. Should a dispute over buffering arise, the Park District would work with the property owner to resolve the issue and had, in some cases, removed fences when the property owners felt they were no longer necessary.

The Council asked whether the Park District would provide screening if the house was located 150 feet from the trail. Mr. Carlson stated the Park District would work closely with the City to identify those "pinch points," determine the threshold, and look at all considerations. In addition, neighborhood design meetings would be scheduled during the development process to identify those issues at the front end so such locations were known prior to the final design stage.

With regard to public safety, Mr. Carlson indicated the Park District had over 100 miles of regional trail through Hennepin County that experienced two million annual visitors. Predominantly, conflicts were user related versus public safety instances. It was noted that Park District public safety officers patrol the trail system and the District was on the Hennepin County 911 system so it received calls at the same time and responded immediately.

The Council asked whether an agreement had been reached, on a preliminary basis, regarding construction of a sound protective fence along the north bound ramp to TH100. Mr. Vlaming stated the sound barrier wall had been discussed for over two years and the City could require a reasonable sound wall or fence barrier as a condition in the Cooperative Trail Agreement. However, it would be preferable if all neighbors along that stretch were in agreement and it appears that was already the case. Mr. Vlaming addressed the boardwalk design, describing it to be 12 feet wide and of varied height determined by a technical team but was generally three feet above flowing water, similar in appearance to Luce Line boardwalks. The Park District was still considering surfacing options and had hired a sound engineer to gather data on the level of sound generated. The Park District would remove debris if on the boardwalk. It was noted that residents had cleaned debris after high water events.

Mr. Gears reaffirmed that the Three Rivers Park District would not construct any regional trail that does not meet the City's needs and approval. The consideration tonight was approval of a trail corridor and concerns expressed would be addressed during the design process. Mr. Vlaming stated the Park District had provided a fact sheet regarding how trails influence property values that cited analysis of a study

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prepared for Hennepin County Public Works involving four regional trails. It was generally found there was a bonus to the property that increased as the home neared the trail.

Ciara Schlichting, Planner with Bonestroo, addressed the Council's questions regarding the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). She explained Bonestroo had conducted an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) which determined there were environmental effects but none significant enough to warrant the preparation of an EIS. The EAW was voluntary and found existing corridor conditions had been significantly impacted over time by residential construction, storm water practices, lawn chemicals and removal of natural vegetation. Issues determined would be subject to ongoing regulatory authority and dealt with during the design process. The EAW and record of decision also recognized several mitigation strategies to minimize impact on heritage mature trees. Ms. Schlichting advised the Three Rivers Park District had a history of mitigating and replacing trees in close proximity or where a larger tree was removed.

The Council questioned the issue of liability should an injury occur on the trail. Attorney Knutson explained it was a nonissue if there was no negligence and, in any event, the trail would be owned by Three Rivers Park District, not the City.

With regard to the comment about "form over function" and consideration of other segments deemed to have merit, Mr. Keprios explained that the consulting firms had identified several different routes but the route under consideration was felt to be the most beneficial and likely-to-be-used alignment. He advised that should the City want to consider alternate routes, it would be at the City's expense. Mr. Keprios noted the Three Rivers Park District had also studied the Canadian Pacific rail line for over a year but would need the cooperation of Canadian Pacific Railway to make that happen and so it was on the longer-term drawing board.

Kevin Bigalke, Nine Mile Watershed District Administrator, explained how the Nine Mile Creek restoration project would interface and coordinate with simultaneous construction activities of the proposed trail to minimize disturbance. Mr. Bigalke stated that cost savings were possible should the same contractor be used for some of both restoration and trail work. It was noted the Creek restoration project would result in a more efficient system to move flood waters and create an ecologically sound amenity for the City, residents, and wildlife.

Member Swenson made a motion, seconded by Member Bennett, to approve a creek-based route for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail with the following restrictions and conditions:

- 1. Keep the trail on the south side of Walnut Ridge Park.**
- 2. That Three Rivers Park District makes all reasonable efforts in the engineering/design phase to minimize boardwalk noise and height.**
- 3. That Three Rivers Park District offers to provide homeowners with principle residences adjacent to the proposed regional trail edge the option to have buffers where reasonable and at Three River's expense. Buffer options are fencing or vegetative screening (trees, shrubs).**
- 4. That Three Rivers Park District take reasonable steps to minimize the amount of boardwalks in the complex balancing act that also attempts to minimize the impact on the environment (wetlands, water quality, and vegetation).**
- 5. Place a time limit deadline on the easements offered to Three Rivers Park District to complete the project within a reasonable time frame. A reasonable time limit should be negotiated with Three Rivers Park District and that language should be included in the easement agreement.**
- 6. That the final design shall minimize property impacts and be subject to Council approval.**
- 7. That a reasonable sound wall be constructed for Segment 19 that was satisfactory to the City.**

The Council discussed that this project would involve phased construction and funding cycles so more information was needed to determine a reasonable timeframe when easements should be returned to the City if the trail was not constructed. The Council agreed that the intention was clear in the self imposed condition by the Park District that a reasonable time limit would be negotiated and that language would be included in the easement agreement.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Housh, Swenson, Hovland
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD – 2011 LIQUOR LICENSE FEES Affidavits of Notice presented and ordered placed on file.

City Clerk Mangen explained Minnesota Statutes require the City to hold a public hearing after 30-day notice to license holders of its intention to raise liquor license fees. She presented the 2011 liquor license fees, noting that the 3.2 Beer on and off sale and temporary 3.2 beer licenses were the only fees proposed to be increased. Ms. Mangen advised that licensed beverage caterer licenses were granted by the State of Minnesota Public Safety Department and not individual cities.

Mayor Hovland opened the public hearing at 10:44 p.m.

Public Testimony

No one appeared to comment.

Member Swenson made a motion, seconded by Member Brindle, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Housh, Swenson, Hovland
Motion carried.

***AWARD OF BID – 2011 ONE TON F450 FORD TRUCK – PARK MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT** Motion made by Member Bennett and seconded by Member Swenson awarding the bid for 2011 one-ton F450 Ford truck, Park Maintenance Department, to the recommended low bidder, Midway Ford Fleet Sales at \$35,175.38.

Motion carried on rollcall vote – five ayes.

***AWARD OF BID – ONE FIRE ENGINE/PUMPER – GENERAL SAFETY FIRE APPARATUS (ROSENBAUER)** Motion made by Member Bennett and seconded by Member Swenson awarding the bid for one fire engine/pumper, for the Edina Fire Department, to the recommended low bidder, General Safety Fire Apparatus (Rosenbauer) \$392,003.00

Motion carried on rollcall vote – five ayes.

***AWARD OF BID – THREE SPORT UTILITY SUPPORT VEHICLES POLAR CHEVROLET – FIRE DEPARTMENT** Motion made by Member Bennett and seconded by Member Swenson awarding the bid for three sport utility support vehicles for the Fire Department to the recommended low bidder, Polar Chevrolet at \$102,718.50.

Motion carried on rollcall vote – five ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-116 ADOPTED – ACCEPTING VARIOUS DONATIONS Mayor Hovland explained that in order to comply with State Statutes; all donations to the City must be adopted by Resolution and approved by four favorable votes of the Council accepting the donations. **Member Bennett introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2010-116 accepting various donations.** Member Swenson seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
COMMUNITY ROOM
JUNE 19, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL Answering roll call were members Bass, Boettge, Iyer, Janovy, LaForce, Nelson, Olson, Spanhake, and Whited.

ABSENT Members Sierks, Van Dyke.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion was made by member LaForce and seconded by member Janovy to approve the meeting agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2014 Approved as corrected.

Motion was made by member Janovy and seconded by member Boettge to approve the amended minutes of May 15, 2014. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENT – None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Final Alignment Update

Mr. Eric Nelson and Mr. Jonathan Vlaming from Three Rivers Park District sought approval for Edina's segment of the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail final alignment. Mr. Nelson said the alignment is the same as was presented on Apr. 17 with more definitive details worked out along the route as follow:

- The trail will be a sidewalk on Smetana until it is reconstructed and a bike lane will be added;
- They are in discussion with the County on the Gleason Rd segment where the County has a designated 5-ft shoulder for a bike lane; they are proposing a multi-use trail on the east side of Gleason;
- In Bredesen Park, the existing trail will be widened to 10-ft and become a two-way, currently a one-way trail;
- The school board approved the alignment that runs on district property after changes were made so the ski trail would not be impacted;
- They are in discussion with City staff about ways to make the intersection at Tracy Ave and Valley View Rd safer;
- At 70th St by the railroad crossing, they are going to have an underpass under 70th because of flooding concerns and are in discussion with City staff regarding use of a piece of City-owned land;
- They are in discussion with MNDOT staff to put the trail in their right-of-way on the eastside of TH-100;
- From MNDOT's right-of-way, the trail meanders behind Burgundy Place (working with owners for an easement) and along the edge of Fred Richards Golf Course to Parklawn (in 2016 Parklawn is scheduled to be reconstructed similar to Gallagher Dr);
- 77 property owners along the trail were surveyed regarding screening and to date, 32 responded and they've selected all the options available from no screening, vegetation, chain link or wood fence; no single option was selected more than another.

During discussion, they were asked how property values are affected by a nearby trail and Mr. Vlaming said studies show that property values are not reduced and realtors will often refer to the nearby trail as a selling point. Regarding parking, they said they are going to wait and address this based on needs, same as they did with the Dakota Rail Trail.

Approvals to date include Park Board (6/10) and School Board (6/16) and they plan to present to City Council on 7/1. Preliminary design will begin in the fall with final design completed in the winter. Construction on the east half is expected to begin in 2015 and the entire trail completed by 2017. Total project cost is \$20M and secured funds to date include a \$6.2M grant, plus Three Rivers District's contribution of \$8M. They are confident that they will be approved for federal funds for the rest of the project when application opens this fall. Mr. Vlaming said the board will decide later on if the project is built in stages or if they'll need to pledge money to build it all at once.

Contact for the project is Jason McGrew King, 763-559-6779 or JMcGrew-King@threeriversparkdistrict.org.

Motion was made by member LaForce and seconded by member Janovy to approve the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail alignment with the understanding that it could change as the property that is now Fred Richards Golf Course is redeveloped.

All voted aye.

Motion carried.

Discussion with Edina Public Works Director

Mr. Brian Olson described the public works department as multi-faceted with divisions that include electric, HVAC, facilities, utilities, asphalt and concrete streets, parks maintenance, etc. He said the streets division crew is responsible for doing mill and overlays, pothole repairs, concrete street repairs and also assist with bike lane striping. He said all employees plow snow and their biggest challenge was this past winter where they saw two distinct winters. He said their goal is to have the streets plowed within 6-8 hours of a snow fall but sidewalks can take up to two days. In addition to street maintenance, they also maintain approximately 40 athletic fields, lift stations, sanitary and storm sewers, water mains, etc.

Mr. Olson said public works work closely with the engineering department on things like mill and overlay, bike lane striping, and they recently drafted a new crosswalk standard; he thanked the ETC for their input on the crosswalk standard.

Mr. Olson was asked how public works respond to residents questions and concerns and he said questions or concerns can come to the department via the website's 'Report A Problem' or the new 'Edina To Go' mobile application. He said these are tied directly to their work order system. There is also an FAQ online. He said everything they do is about quality public service and he welcomes feedback and input.

Mr. Olson was asked how they decide when to repair or not to repair a pothole. He said this is a delicate balance because in the winter months the asphalt mixes does not stay very long which means multiple applications.

Chair Bass said with the Living Streets Policy they are trying to meet the needs of all residents, including non-drivers, and the Active Routes to School plan was just approved by City Council. She asked if sidewalk plowing is prioritized and Mr. Olson said they are not because they only plow County and State Aid streets. He said the France Ave sidewalk, for example, has to be plowed multiple times because the City plows and the County puts the snow back when they plow the street. He said because of this, they prefer boulevard style sidewalks where they have some separation. He said they have four 5-ft wide sidewalk plows (\$110,000 per plow).