

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LAKEWALK TRAIL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. LOUIS AND LAKE COUNTIES REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LAKEWALK TRAIL FROM 47TH AVENUE EAST to 60TH AVENUE EAST.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement substantially in the form of that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. \_\_\_\_\_ with the St. Louis and Lake counties regional railroad authority for the construction and operation of the Lakewalk recreational trail from 47th Avenue East to 60th Avenue East at nominal cost.

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Approved for presentation to council:

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Department Director

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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution will authorize an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake counties regional railroad authority allowing the city to utilize a portion of the railroad right-of-way for the construction and operation of the Lakewalk Recreational Trail.

The authority controls the railroad easement and operates on the trackage that runs along the lakeshore to "Lemon Drop Hill" and then crosses I-35 and runs along the north side of London Road out to 60th Avenue East. The trackage is primarily used for tourist train facilities, but some freight shipments are allowed when needed.

The city's Lakewalk trail currently runs from the ship canal to 47th Avenue East, and the city has received state and federal funding which will allow the trail to be extended to 60th Avenue East, with a commitment in future years to fund future extensions to Brighton Beach.

The present plan is to use railroad right-of-way to provide the pathway necessary for the trail, which is under the control of the authority. By this agreement the authority will grant the city a 25-year license (subject to termination by the authority) to construct and maintain the trail on the right-of-way. Storm sewer work consisting of culvert crossings at various locations across the path is also authorized. City Project No. 0569TR.