

RECREATION, LIBRARIES, & AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

13-0520R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF
A PARKS AND TRAILS LEGACY GRANT OF \$2,240,000 FOR
COMPLETION OF THE DULUTH TRAVERSE TRAIL.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the parks and trails legacy grant application to be submitted on or before October 25, 2013, and that the city's chief administrative officer is hereby authorized to apply to the Minnesota department of natural resources (MnDNR) for funding of this project on behalf of city.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth has the legal authority to apply for the money, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for no less than 20 years.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the city of Duluth is awarded aforesaid grant, the city of Duluth agrees to accept the grant award and the proper city officials are authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the MnDNR substantially in the form of that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____ agreeing to the project with grant funds to be deposited in Fund 450-030-4220-01 (Capital Improvements Fund, Finance Department, State of Minnesota Capital Grants).

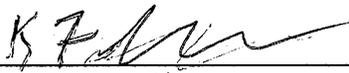
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth estimates the total project cost to be \$2,990,000 including the grant amount of \$2,240,000; as well as matching funds as follows: \$150,000 from the federal recreational trails program; \$575,000 from the city of Duluth; and \$25,000 from the cyclists of gitchee gumee shores. Matching funds for the city of Duluth shall be from city general obligation grant matching traverse trail bonds.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations stated in the grant agreement.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city council of the city of Duluth names the fiscal agent for the city of Duluth for this project as:

Wayne Parson
City Auditor
City of Duluth
411 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Approved:



Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:



Attorney

Approved:



Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the application and acceptance by the proper city officials of a grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for parks and trails legacy grant monies for the purpose of completion of the Duluth Traverse Trail.

The 55-mile Duluth Traverse Trail will be a multi-use natural-surface single-track trail system which is being constructed across the city of Duluth from Chambers Grove Park on the far west side to Lester Park on the far east side. The trail will connect several existing trail systems and span the 25-mile length of Duluth, creating more than 100 miles of connected trails. The trail will be designed and purpose-built for mountain biking but will be open for other uses such as running, hiking, snowshoeing, dog-walking, and bird watching. The Duluth Traverse Trail is being built by a partnership between the City of Duluth and the Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores (COGGS).