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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, May 6, 2013, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
All meetings are held in the City Hall Annex 13th floor
Conference room at 25 West 4th Street in Saint Paul

1. *Trout Brook Regional Trail Segment 3: Jackson Street to Cayuga Street* – Kathleen Anglo, Parks, 30 minutes

2. East 7th Street Better Block Event Update – Anton Jerve, PED, 15 minutes

Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings

- May 20 – St. Paul Streetcar Feasibility Study Update
- June 3

Meetings are open to the public. The Chair may allow five minutes for informal public comment (from non-committee members) at the beginning of each agenda as needed. Additional time may be allocated for comments or further discussion at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings will be cancelled if there is not a quorum expected, or if there are no agenda items. For additional information on the Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission, please visit our website at bit.ly/StPaulTC or contact Hilary Holmes at hilary.holmes@ci.stpaul.mn.us *or 651-266-6612.*

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: May 6, 2013

Project Name	
Geographic Scope	*Trout Brook Regional Trail Segment 3: Jackson Street to Cayuga Street*
Ward(s)	*5*
District Council(s)	*6*
Project Description	*Installation of Segment 3 of Trout Brook Regional Trail (.85 miles) and a trailhead facility at the corner of Maryland Avenue and Jackson St. This trail segment starts at the trailhead facility, which consists of a small parking area, restrooms, and an informational kiosk; and ends at the intersection with the Gateway State Trail at Cayuga Street.*
Project Contact	*Kathleen Anglo*
Contact email/phone	*Kathleen.anglo@ci.stpaul.mn.us 651.266.6368*
Lead Agency/Department	*Parks and Recreation, Division of Design and Construction*
Purpose of Project/Plan	*Working toward completion of a continuous regional trail from Lake McCarrons County Park in Roseville to Lowertown/ the Union Depot.*
Planning References	*Trout Brook Corridor Plan (A Small Area Plan), 2001. Trout Brook Regional Trail Master Plan, 2009.*
Project stage	*Construction Documents*
General Timeline	*Construction will begin this June and continue through spring 2014*
District Council position (if applicable)	*Support*
Level of Committee Involvement	*Inform of project.*
Previous Committee action	*None*
Level of Public Involvement	*This project has been a community effort since the mid-1990s. The City has involved the community through a Small Area Plan process, Natural Resource Management Plan process, Master Plan process, and other various feasibility studies. We have kept the public informed of all issues pertaining to our EPA Brownfield Cleanup grants, have received advice and support on all grant applications and been in continuous contact with the community, District 6 and Council Members.*
Public Hearing	*Yes, for approval of the Trout Brook Regional Trail Master Plan.*
Public Hearing Location	*Area Plan Public Hearing, Planning Commission, September 2001. Master Plan Public Hearing, Parks Commission, October 2009 and City Council, November 2009.*
Primary Funding Source(s)	*Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund, CIB*
Cost	*$720,000.00*

Staff recommendation	*N/A*

Action item requested of the Committee	*None. Informational presentation on project.*
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	

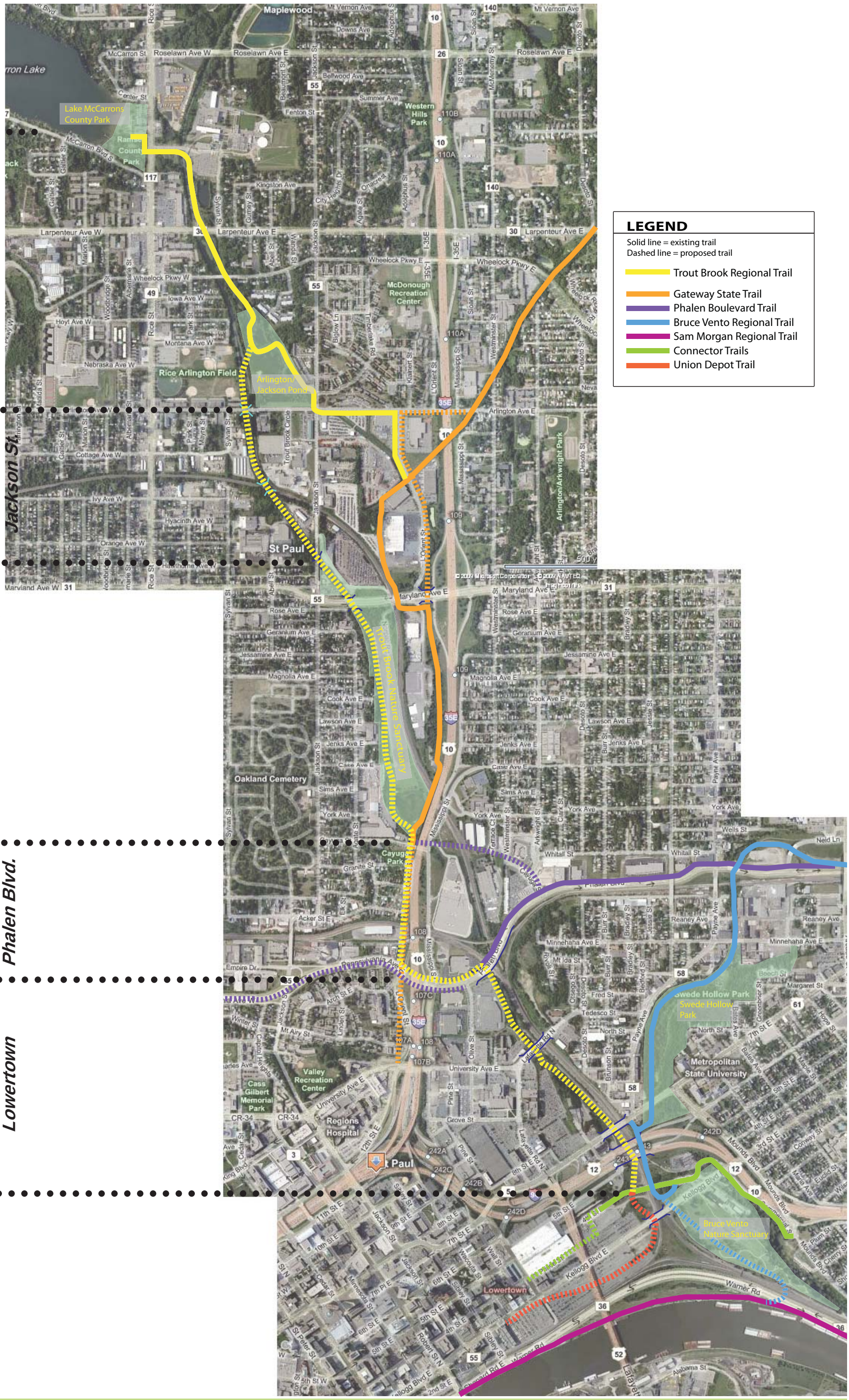
SEGMENT 1 — McCarrons to Arlington

SEGMENT 2 — Arlington to Jackson St.

SEGMENT 3 — Jackson St. to Cayuga

SEGMENT 4 — Cayugua to Phalen Blvd.

SEGMENT 5 — Phalen Blvd. to Lowertown



TROUT BROOK REGIONAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Connections

CITY OF SAINT PAUL PARKS AND RECREATION DESIGN SECTION
UPDATED: APRIL 2013

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April 26, 2013

TROUT BROOK REGIONAL TRAIL
Information Update to the Transportation Committee

BACKGROUND

Trout Brook Regional Trail is a joint use trail between Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul. Where the trail is out of the City of Saint Paul limits, it is operated and maintained by Ramsey County. We have divided the trail into segments as follows:

Segment 1: (This section of trail was built in the late 1990s). The trail currently starts at Lake McCarrons County Park near McCarrons Blvd. on the west side of Rice Street in Roseville. It then crosses Rice Street and follows the entrance road to the Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) facility. At the SPRWS facility the trail turns south and follows Trout Brook across Larpenteur Ave., underneath Wheelock Parkway, to Arlington Ave. At Arlington Avenue, the trail turns west and follows Arlington to L'Orient Avenue, where it runs south to the Gateway Trail.

Segment 2: This future planned segment requires acquisition of a rail spur. It starts at Arlington Avenue and continues at a southeastern direction along the CP Rail line to Jackson Street. Once the use of the rail line is abandoned, we would use the existing bridges for crossings over Arlington Ave. and the active BNSF tracks.

Segment 3: This planned segment is part of the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary development. This segment starts at a trailhead facility that provides parking, restrooms, and an informational kiosk. The trail runs along the abandoned CP rail line for approximately 1 mile where it joins the Gateway State trail at Cayuga Street.

Segment 4: From Cayuga to Pennsylvania Avenue/Phalen Boulevard, it is a joint trail with the Gateway trail. The Trout Brook Trail then turns to run to the east on the north side of Phalen Boulevard. This segment will be built by MnDOT as part of their 35E/Cayuga interchange project.

Segment 5: Here it is proposed to have the Trout Brook Trail split off from Phalen Boulevard and run underneath the Westminster Jct. bridge. This segment will require some acquisition as the trail runs southward between the BNSF rail corridor and businesses in Lafayette Park such as Meritex Corp., state MPCA and DNR buildings, and the Union Gospel Mission. The trail will

run underneath E. 7th street and I-94 where it will join with other trails existing and proposed in Lowertown.