

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: February 13, 2012

Project Name	Cherokee Park Trail
Geographic Scope	Cherokee Regional Park – Annapolis Street to Plato Blvd via Ohio Street. See attached location map
Ward(s)	Ward 2
District Council(s)	District 3
Project Description	Installation of 1.9 mile shared use trail within Cherokee Regional Park. Trail will be off road with temporary two block on-road segment at George and Manomin Street. Project includes entrance signage, ornamental railing and lighting along Ohio Street.
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Lead Agency/Department	City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation Design Section
Purpose of Project/Plan	Construct shared use regional trail through Cherokee Regional Park as identified in approved park master plan. Trail will provide important pedestrian connection from top of bluffs to existing Harriet Island/ Lilydale Regional Trail and downtown Saint Paul.
Planning References	Cherokee Regional Park Master Plan 1990
Project stage	Received final comments from MnDOT and resolving temporary construction easement issues along Ohio Street prior to bidding spring 2012.
General Timeline	Construction May 2012 with Fall 2012 completion
District Council position (if applicable)	Not Applicable
Level of Committee Involvement	Inform of project
Previous Committee action	None
Level of Public Involvement	Involved community task force in development of conceptual trail plan. Held public Open House to review trail plan.
Public Hearing	Public hearing held when original master plan approved for Cherokee Regional Park.
Public Hearing Location	
Primary Funding Source(s)	Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds, CIB, Metro Parks, Legacy Park and Trail Grants
Cost	\$2.9 million dollars (includes design and engineering fees)

Staff recommendation	NA
Action item requested of the Committee	None, informational presentation in regards to project
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	