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## POINT DOUGLAS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Question: What is the purpose of the project?**

**Answer:** Currently, there is no continuous, off-street trail connection between Saint Paul and Washington County on the east side of the river. The purpose of the project is to develop a master plan for a protected, off-street regional trail for people of all ages and abilities. In Metropolitan Council's 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, the Point Douglas trail is identified as a regional trail search corridor. As an implementing agency, the City of Saint Paul was encouraged by Met Council to prepare a master plan document for the corridor.

### **Q: How is the project funded?**

**A:** The project is funded through a Parks and Trails Legacy fund grant program which is administered through the Metropolitan Council.

### **Q: Will construction be included with the project?**

**A:** No, funding is for planning only. When approved, the master plan document will allow the city to apply for regional trail system funding for design, acquisition (if needed), and implementation.

### **Q: Will lighting be included in the design?**

**A:** Yes, pedestrian lighting will be included in the master plan document as a recommendation by the community for safety. Lighting will be installed as funding becomes available.

### **Q: Will the trail be maintained year-round?**

**A:** Yes, the trail will be located on numerous government agency land and maintained by the City of Saint Paul year-round including snow removal.

### **Q: Will historic interpretation be included as part of the project?**

**A:** Interpretation will be identified in the master plan document as a future project; however, the interpretation content will not be developed as part of the mater plan. Topics include Point Douglas Road as an historic Indigenous trail and later as a fur trading route. More research is required when funding becomes available.

## **Tentative Timeline**

2020

Oct Release Presentation #1 – Opportunity & Constraints (online)

Dec Release Presentation #2 – Draft Trail Alignment (online)

2021

Jan 30-Day Public Review

Jan Release Preferred Alignment (online)

Feb Parks and Rec Commission & Transportation Committee Approval

Feb Final Master Plan Document

Apr St Paul City Council Approval

Spring Met Council Approval