



Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission

Monday, May 17, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting

1. Mississippi River Boulevard (MRB) Crossing – Phase I – Anne Gardner/Ellen Stewart (Parks & Recreation) and Wes Saunders-Pearce (Dept. of Safety & Inspections), 30 minutes

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Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings

- June 14 (no meeting May 31 – holiday)
- June 28

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Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects

Committee date: May 17, 2021

Project Name: Mississippi River Boulevard (MRB) Crossing – Phase I

Geographic Scope: Ward 3, District 15- Highland Park

Project Contact: Ellen Stewart – Ellen.Stewart@ci.stpaul.mn.us & Anne Gardner-
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Project Webpage: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/design-construction/current-projects/mississippi-river-boulevard>

Project Description: The Mississippi River Boulevard Project is a stacked storm water infrastructure system. This includes a constructed open creek channel alongside a pedestrian path that travels through a tunnel structure under Mississippi River Boulevard and into Hidden Falls Regional Par. The creek channel is an extension of the water feature central to the Highland Bridge Project collecting storm water throughout the development site and releasing it at a controlled rate into Hidden Falls. Pedestrians are able to visualize the water channel as it flows between the development site, over the falls, and through the Hidden Falls creek before delivery to the Mississippi River. The trail alongside the creek connects the network of trails within the Highland Bridge site to the Mississippi River Boulevard Regional Trail and into Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Project Stage & General Timeline: Construction – May 10, 2021 -Early Fall 2021

Public Hearing Date & Location: N/A

Cost & Primary Funding Source(s): Combination of Funding sources: CRWD Grant, Legacy Parks Fund, Parkland Dedication Funds, CIB Funds, TIF

Transportation Committee Role:

- Inform project scope & approach Inform design Inform implementation
 Make recommendation

Explanation Phase I is a fast paced infrastructure project to leverage the construction timeline and funds available to build a stormwater creek channel and trail connection from the Highland Bridge development site to the trail network along Mississippi River Boulevard and into Hidden Falls Regional Park.