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Date: July 12, 2021  
To: Heritage Preservation Commission  
From: George Gause  
Re: Consultation and Comment for Kellogg and Third Street Bridge replacement and Eastbound Kellogg at RiverCentre Bridge replacement

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## **BACKGROUND**

### Kellogg and Third Street Bridge Replacement

The project consists of removing eastbound Kellogg Boulevard Bridge 90378 and constructing Bridge 62671 Exchange Street. Eastbound Kellogg Boulevard will consist of two traffic lanes, right run lane, and sidewalk. The vertical profile of eastbound Kellogg Boulevard will be raised a maximum of approximately 6 inches and the horizontal alignment will not change. Exchange Street will consist of two traffic lanes and a separated trail. The vertical profile of Exchange Street will be raised a maximum of approximately 3-feet and the horizontal alignment will shift slightly to the north.

In addition, Loading Dock Road will become a one-way loop with the addition of a separate exit lane between the existing Loading Dock Road entrance and Exchange Street. Bridge 62672 will be constructed to accommodate the added lane and a loop exiting the loading dock area beneath Kellogg Boulevard. Constructing Bridges 62671 and 62672 and associated retaining walls will require excavation for footings and side slopes.

### Eastbound Kellogg at RiverCentre Bridge Replacement

This project will reconstruct Kellogg Boulevard/ Third Street retaining walls, approach roadway, and Bridge Nos. 62080 and 62080. The preliminary project limits extend from Broadway Street to Mounds Boulevard. The project involves demolition of the current structure and reconstruction of piers, abutments, beams, bridge deck, railings, parapets, and approach roadways. Current traffic operations on the existing bridge have been restricted from four-lane capacity to three traffic lanes and one six-foot wide sidewalk due to structural deficiencies. The proposed bridge will accommodate four traffic lanes and a shared bicycle/pedestrian facilities in both eastbound and westbound directions. Excavation will be required to construct foundations and storm utilities.

**AGENCY DETERMINATION**

Proposed determination is: *No Adverse Effect*

No historic property would be physically affected by the project, nor would any elements visually effect the character of the historic property. Vibration will not affect the resources within the APE. The project would not alter any of the characteristics that qualify adjacent properties for inclusion in the National Register or diminish the integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association.

**HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMMENTS**

As part of the Certified Local Government (CLG) contract between the City of Saint Paul and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the HPC shall review and comment on proposals which utilize federal funds and provide an opportunity for public comment. HPC comment is focused on the project's effects on the historic and architectural heritage of the city.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The two sites are in close proximity to several designated and eligible historic sites. The replacement of the bridges and associated work should not have a detrimental affect to any of the adjacent listed or eligible historic resources. Staff recommends concurrence with the agency determinations.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move that the HPC concurs with the finding of *No Adverse Effect* as per the presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report.

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