

Project Basics	
Project Name <i>Owner(s)</i> <i>Address</i> <i>Contact Information</i>	Accessibility improvements at 270 Lexington Pkwy N Minnesota Department of Transportation 270 Lexington Pkwy N, Saint Paul, MN 55104 Bob Smith, City of Saint Paul, 651-266-8860
Action being requested <i>purchase, donation, encroachment, parkland dedication, diversion, swap, master plan or design approval, other</i>	Diversion of parkland for ADA accessibility improvements on sidewalk
Why is the action being requested?	MnDOT completing accessibility improvements in I-94 corridor, insufficient space in ROW to complete
Is the action proposed permanent or temporary?	Permanent and temporary
Property type <i>neighborhood park, regional park, downtown park, plaza, trail, recreation center, private ownership/public usage, passive open space, bluff preservation</i>	Park property is a recreation center
Land area <i>square feet & acres</i>	Permanent easement: 97 sq. ft. Temporary easement: 125 sq. ft.
Land value & basis <i>assessed value, appraisals, comps</i>	\$2,900 offered by MnDOT
Land characteristics/special features <i>proximity to significant natural feature, trail connections, water resources, natural areas, buildings, fields, play equipment, courts, other significant uses on/near property</i>	Area of easement is an unprogrammed grass lawn
Adjacent land uses <i>commercial, industrial, residential, etc.</i>	Residential, institutional

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Applicable laws, codes, policies, guidelines <i>City, state, county, watershed districts, etc.</i>	Policy: Parkland Diversion Charter: Sec. 13.01.1
Other department, agency involvement	Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, Real Estate
Processes <i>parkland dedication, parkland diversion, community engagement</i>	Parkland diversion
Legal issues (if any) <i>judgments, liens, deed restrictions, grant agreements</i>	

Public Purpose	
How does the proposed action impact the affected park property and Saint Paul's park system?	Area of permanent easement will be paved to provide an accessible intersection. Area of temporary easement will be used during construction and will be restored to lawn after construction concludes.
How does the proposed action fit with adopted plans/policies? <i>Comprehensive Plan, Parks and Recreation System Plan, Regional Parks Policy and System Plan, SCORP, Legacy Plan, Legislative committee policies, watershed districts</i>	Consistent with Comprehensive Plan
Does the proposed action impact any other City initiatives/actions? <i>redevelopment, plan implementation</i>	No
How has the community been engaged? <i>communications, public notices, meetings, District Councils, special interest groups, elected and appointed officials, web posting, outstanding issues, support</i>	No engagement has been done to-date

Public Purpose	
Are there any precedents for the proposed action, and does the proposed action set any precedents for future decisions?	Other intersection improvements
What are the budgetary impacts of the proposed action?	Easement would be sold to complete the process with proceeds going into parkland replacement account
Are there any other issues or concerns?	No
STAFF RECOMMENDATION <i>Include key points of recommendations</i>	Recommend sale of permanent and temporary easements for highway purposes
Attachments <i>timeline, plans, designs, correspondence, purchase agreements, maps, appraisals, sketches, photos, codes, laws, policies</i>	

Checklist for all land-use decisions

- The land-use decision is consistent with the Parks and Recreation System Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and other relevant planning documents
- The land-use decision would have a neutral or positive impact on meeting existing/future demand for parkland.
- If the land-use decision has a budgetary impact, funding is available to cover the cost of the action and any ongoing maintenance needs
- The action would enhance the parks and recreation system
- There is community and/or institutional support for the decision
- There is a clear understanding of how the decision impacts the future of the parks and recreation system
- The action is consistent with the applicable decision principles outlined in the Parks and Recreation Vision Plan:
 - Furthering Parks' role as the champion of health and wellness
 - Is a catalyst for private-sector investment
 - Exemplifying environmental leadership
 - Addressing lifecycle and operational costs
 - Helping connect people, parks, trails, and open spaces
 - Supporting a City-wide system of parks and recreational facilities