

Robert Piram Regional Trail (Formerly Harriet Island to South St. Paul Regional Trail)

City of Saint Paul - Parks and Recreation Design and Construction Division

Project Overview: Saint Paul and Dakota County have teamed up to plan for the creation of a new **3.7 mile** bicycle and pedestrian trail that will fill several important gaps in the region's trail system. The new trail segment will connect the Harriet Island Regional Park and its trail system to Kaposia Landing Park in South St. Paul. The project will also make improvements to the connection between the Lilydale Park trail and the Big Rivers Trail in Dakota County. [PROJECT WEBSITE](#)

Project Background & Purpose:

The Robert Piram Regional Trail builds on the 2012 Harriet Island to South St. Paul Regional Trail Master Plan. Project goals include the following:

- Implement a public transportation and recreational trail corridor that connects Harriet Island and Lilydale Regional Park and their trails to South St. Paul
- Support the Great River Passage vision for a "More Connected" river corridor, connecting surrounding neighborhoods to the Mississippi River and enhancing neighborhood livability
- Connect Saint Paul's Harriet Island/Lilydale Regional Trail and Cherokee Regional Trail to Dakota County trail systems, including the Mississippi River Regional Trail, the Dakota County Big Rivers Regional Trail, and the River to River Greenway, as well as improved connections to Downtown Saint Paul via Wabasha Street and Lafayette
- Fill an important gap in the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) system, a multi-state transportation and recreation trail that begins at the headwaters of the Mississippi River and extends through ten states on its way to the Gulf of Mexico.

Trail Alignment in orange:



Project Status & Timeline:

- **Winter/Spring 2018:** Project Memorandum complete and approved by MnDOT
- **June 2018:** 100% Construction Plans completed and approved, project received authorization from MnDOT.
- **Fall 2018:** Right-of-way negotiations and agreements have been ongoing since 2017. The project cannot be advertised for construction until these are complete and R/W certificate is approved by MnDOT. The City of St. Paul and Dakota County will continue to work with project partners and stakeholders this fall to complete specifications and have the project be in a position to begin construction Spring of 2019. Plans and specifications will be available following a bidding process when the project is advertised for construction
- **January 2019:** Anticipated to send project out to bid assuming property issues have been resolved and approved.
- **Spring 2019-Fall 2020:** Construction is projected to take 18 months to complete.
- **Fiscal year 2022:** Remaining federal funds are available for reimbursement