

PLANNING COMMISSION

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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Monday, September 25, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*All meetings are held in the City Hall Annex 13<sup>th</sup> floor*

*Conference room at 25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Saint Paul*

1. Robert Pira Regional Trail – Don Varney (Parks & Recreation) 30 minutes
2. Maryland Avenue 4-to-3 Lane Study – Erin Laberee (Ramsey County Public Works) 30 minutes
3. Dale Street Bridge update – Erin Laberee (Ramsey County Public Works) 20 minutes

*Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings*

- October 9
- October 23
- November 6

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*Meetings are open to the public. The Chair may allow five minutes for informal public comment (from non-committee members) at the beginning of each agenda as needed. Additional time may be allocated for comments or further discussion at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings will be cancelled if there is not a quorum expected, or if there are no agenda items. For additional information on the Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission, please visit our website at [bit.ly/StPaulTC](http://bit.ly/StPaulTC) or contact Bill Dermody at [Bill.Dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Bill.Dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or 651-266-6617.*

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## Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects

*Committee date: September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017*

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**Project Name:** Robert Piram Regional Trail

**Geographic Scope:** Connecting Bike and Ped Trail between Harriet Island to South St. Paul and an improved connection between Lilydale and the Big River's Trail

**Project Contact:** Don Varney 651-266-6427 don.varney@ci.stpaul.mn.us

**Project Webpage:** <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/design-construction/current-projects/robert-piram-regional-trail>

**Project Description:** Side path bicycle and pedestrian trail that will connect between Harriet Island Regional Park and Kaposia Land Regional Park in South St. Paul/ Dakota County. Project will use Federal Surface Transportation Act (STP) and local matching funds to build trail, provide landscaping and build a boardwalk bridge across a wetland and a larger bridge over Railroad right of way. Project will also include interpretive signage and a public art component.

**Project Stage & General Timeline:** Project originally scheduled for construction in 2017 but due to the complications of railroad negotiations and the need to acquire some easements, project funding was extended to 2018. Project must be authorized by MNDOT state aid by May of 2018 for bidding to follow. Construction could begin in late summer or early fall of 2018.

**Public Hearing Date & Location:** N/A

**Cost & Primary Funding Source(s):** \$4.5M to \$5.2M depending on the St. Paul/Dakota split on the federal STP funding. Grant funding was through a joint application between the City of St. Paul and Dakota County.

### Transportation Committee Role:

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

**Explanation** Some unanticipated conflicts in our ability to provide an at grade railroad crossing, forced us to revise the trail alignment necessitating the acquisition of several right of way easements. The easements we are seeking are mostly on land that is already impacted by existing utility easements. Securing these easements remains the most challenging aspect of the completing the project design and presents significant unknown costs at this time.

**Attachments include:**

☐ Complete Streets Checklist

☐ Scoping document

☐ CIB request

☐ Summary of Engineering Recommendations

Staff recommendation	<i>Describe, if any recommendation/action is required</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	<i>State intended action for committee to take, e.g., "Recommend approval of x" or "Advise staff on which projects to apply for from the grant program"</i>
Committee recommendation	<i>To be filled in at the meeting</i>
Committee vote	<i>To be filled in at the meeting</i>

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 9-25-17

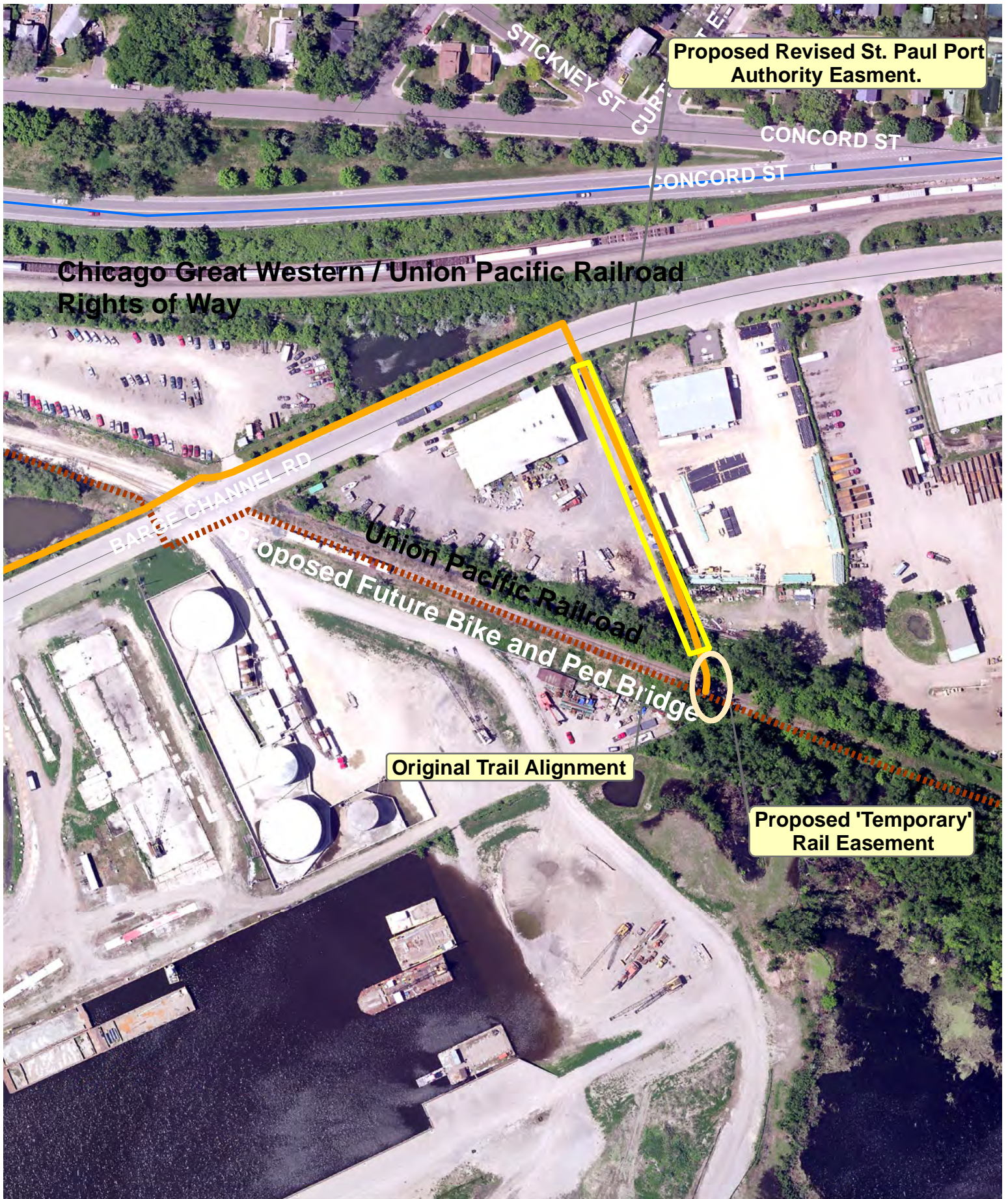
<b>Project Name</b>	<i>Ramsey County Maryland 4 to 3 Lane Study</i>
<b>Geographic Scope</b>	<i>Maryland- Payne to Johnson Parkway</i>
<b>Ward(s)</b>	<i>Ward 6</i>
<b>District Council(s)</b>	<i>District 5</i>
<b>Project Description</b>	<i>Complete Study of Conversion of Maryland from 4 lane roadway to 3 lane roadway</i>
<b>Project Webpage</b>	<i>To be completed in conjunction with 2017 Maryland Mill and Overlay Project</i> <a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance/maryland-avenue-resurfacing">https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance/maryland-avenue-resurfacing</a>
<b>Project Contact, email/phone</b>	<i>Erin Laberee, <a href="mailto:Erin.Laberee@co.ramsey.mn.us">Erin.Laberee@co.ramsey.mn.us</a></i>
<b>Lead Agency/Department</b>	<i>Ramsey County</i>
<b>Purpose of Project/Plan</b>	
<b>Planning References</b>	<i>NA</i>
<b>Project stage</b>	<i>Work to be completed in 2017.</i>
<b>General Timeline</b>	<i>NA</i>
<b>District Council position (if applicable)</b>	<i>NA</i>
<b>Level of Committee Involvement</b>	<i>Inform</i>
<b>Previous Committee action</b>	<i>Received presentation on 4/24/17</i>
<b>Level of Public Involvement</b>	
<b>Public Hearing</b>	
<b>Public Hearing Location</b>	
<b>Primary Funding Source(s)</b>	
<b>Cost</b>	

<b>Staff recommendation</b>	<i>NA</i>
<b>Action item requested of the Committee</b>	
<b>Committee recommendation</b>	
<b>Committee vote</b>	

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 9-25-17

<b>Project Name</b>	<b><i>Dale Street Bridge over I-94 Reconstruction</i></b>
<b>Geographic Scope</b>	<i>Dale Street over I-94</i>
<b>Ward(s)</b>	<i>1</i>
<b>District Council(s)</b>	<i>8</i>
<b>Project Description</b>	<i>Reconstruct Existing Bridge</i>
<b>Project Webpage</b>	<a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/future-road-construction-projects/dale-street-bridge-reconstruction">https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/future-road-construction-projects/dale-street-bridge-reconstruction</a>
<b>Project Contact, email/phone</b>	<i>Erin Laberee, <a href="mailto:Erin.Laberee@co.ramsey.mn.us">Erin.Laberee@co.ramsey.mn.us</a></i>
<b>Lead Agency/Department</b>	<i>Ramsey County</i>
<b>Purpose of Project/Plan</b>	<i>See Web Site</i>
<b>Planning References</b>	<i>NA</i>
<b>Project stage</b>	<i>Planning – Construction Planned for 2018</i>
<b>General Timeline</b>	<i>NA</i>
<b>District Council position (if applicable)</b>	<i>NA</i>
<b>Level of Committee Involvement</b>	<i>Inform</i>
<b>Previous Committee action</b>	<i>Received presentation on 4/24/17</i>
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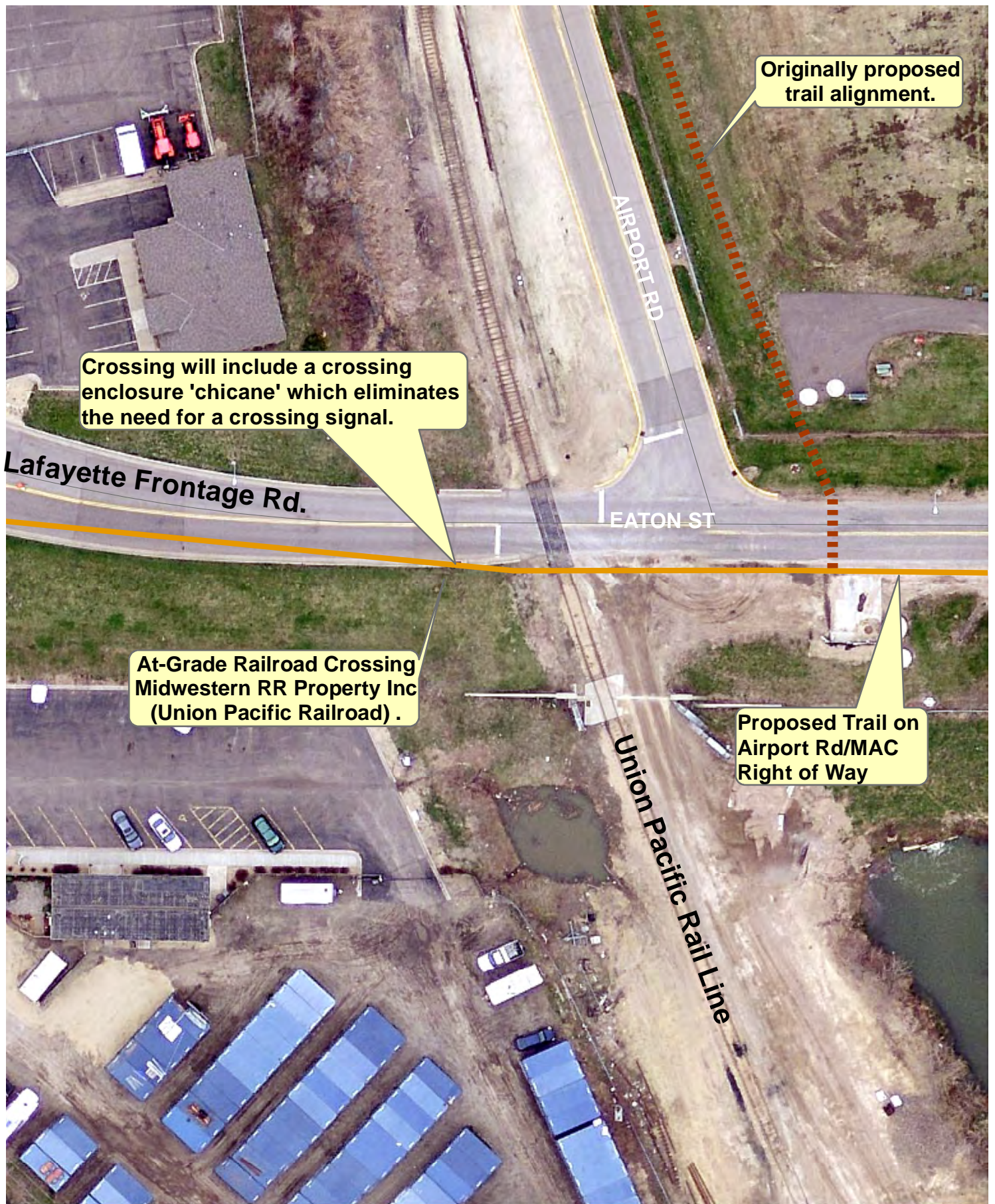



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Department of Parks & Recreation  
Design Section

Harriet Island to South St. Paul Regional Trail Master Plan  
Amended Trail Alignment Proposed  
UP Rail Crossing at Barge Channel Rd.

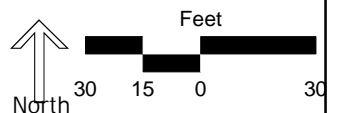




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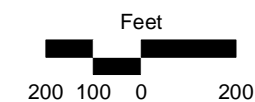
Department of Parks & Recreation  
Design Section

Harriet Island to South St. Paul Regional Trail Master Plan  
Amended Rail Crossing Lafayette Frontage  
Rd.at Eaton St.



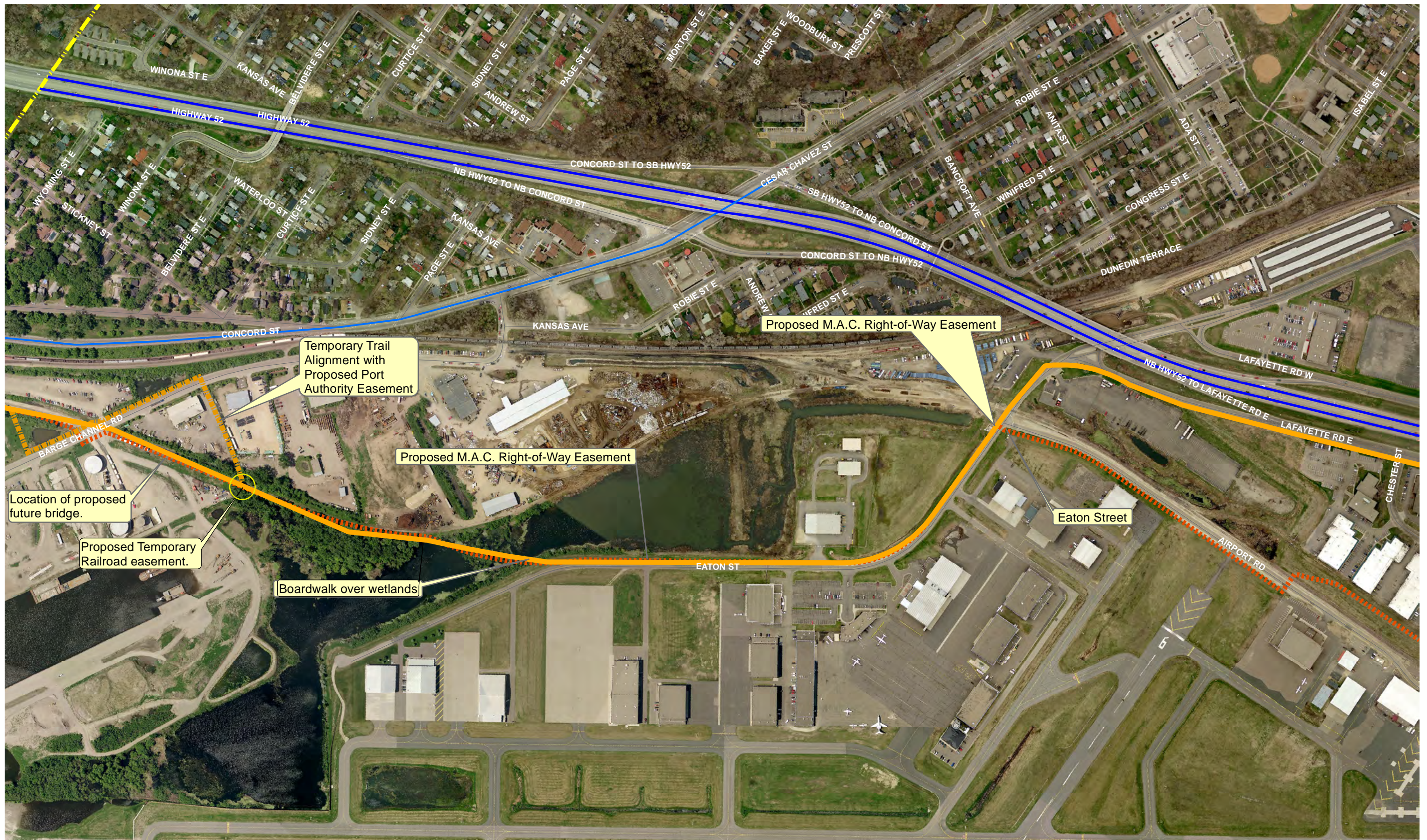


Segment 1 Amended Alignment  
Harriet Island to Chester St. ~6,750 L.F.



Segment 1

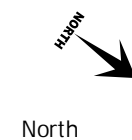
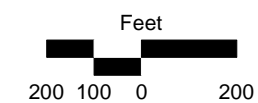




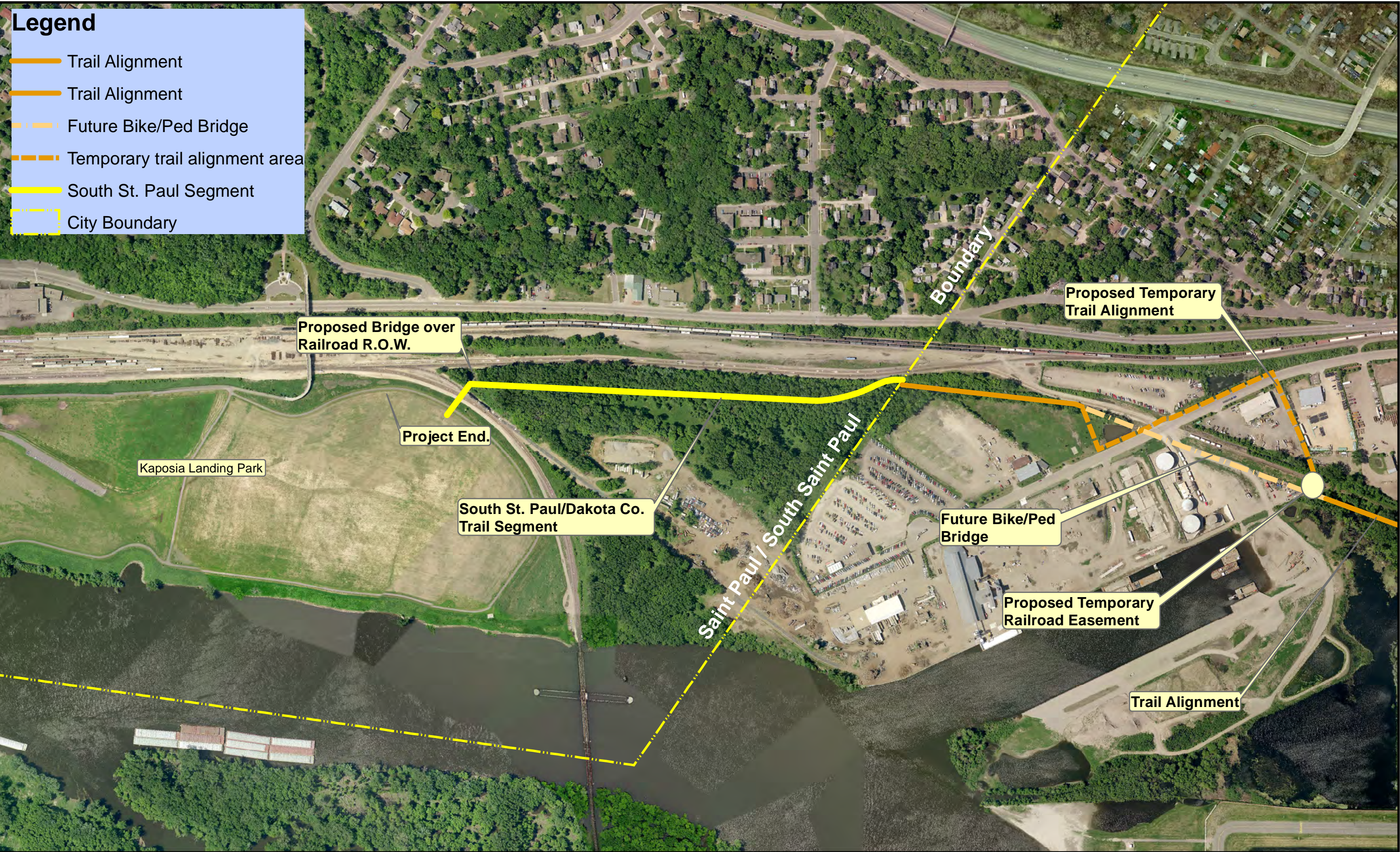
Eaton Street to Barge Channel Rd. ~5,200 L.F.  
Amended Alignment

**Legend**

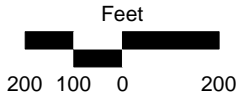
- City Boundary
- Original Trail Alignment
- Revised trail Lafayette
- Proposed Interim Alignment



Segment 3



Barge Channel Road to Kaposia Landing Park (~ 2,400 L.F. South St. Paul)  
Proposed Amended Alignment Option.



Segment 4