Business Item 2020-49

Recreation Board

February 18, 2020

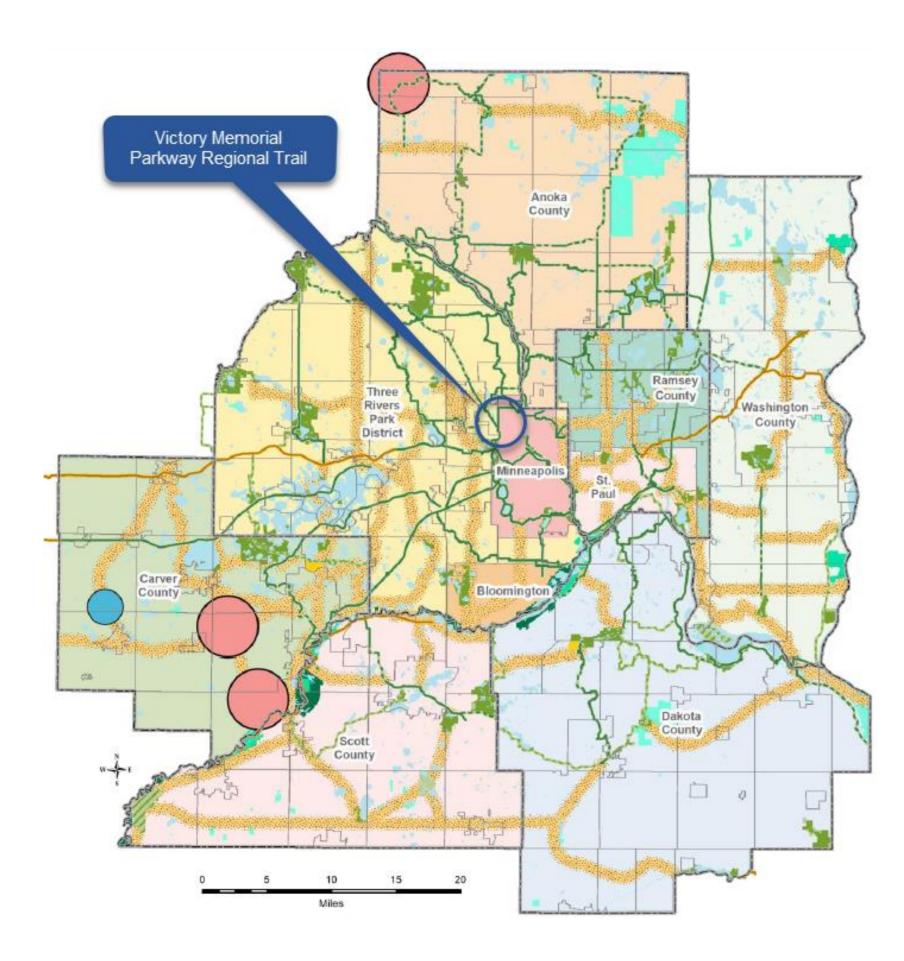
Community Development Committee

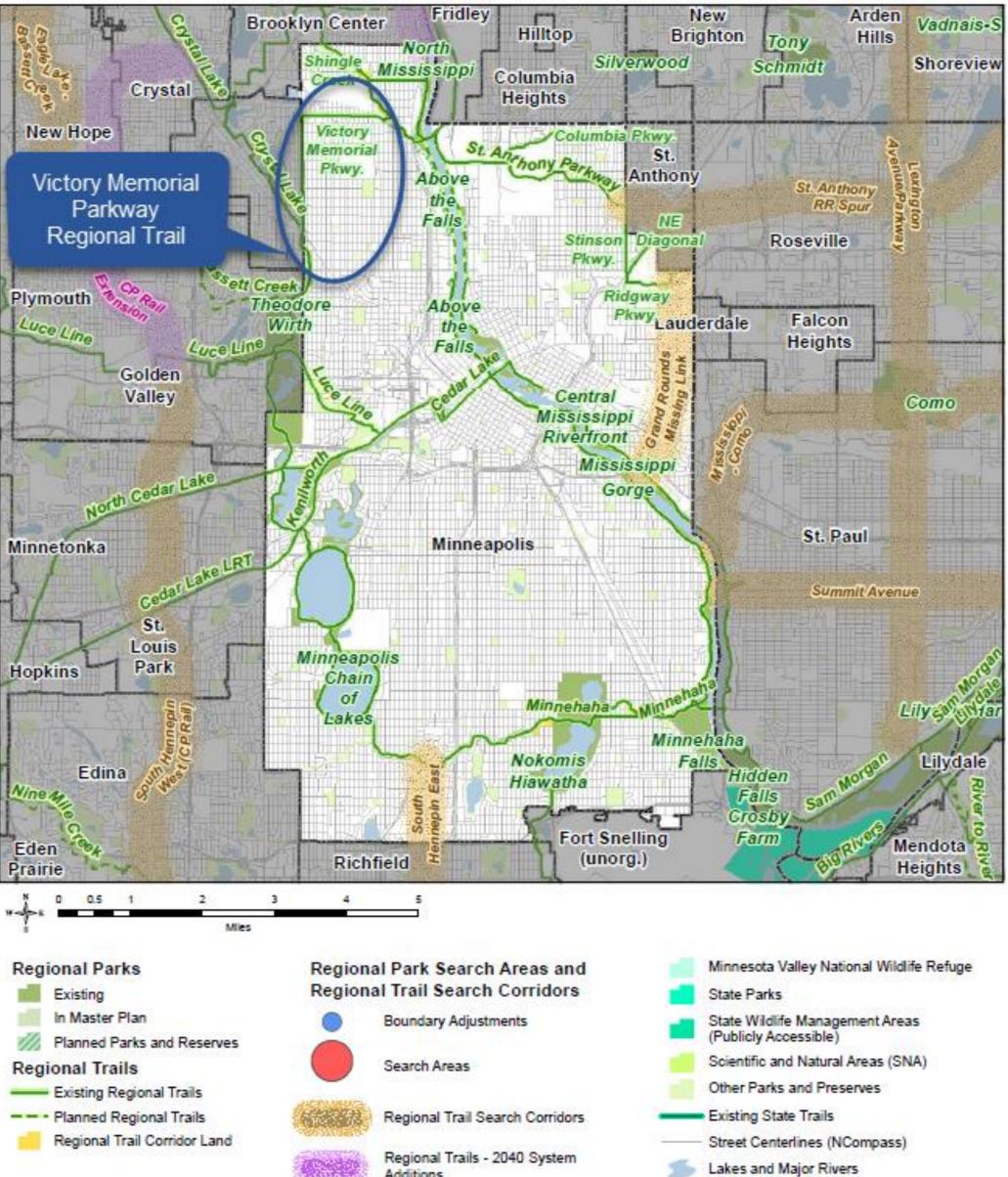
Victory Memorial Parkway (Theodore Wirth Parkway Segment) Regional Trail Master **Plan Amendment – Minneapolis Park and**





Victory Memorial Parkway Regional Trail



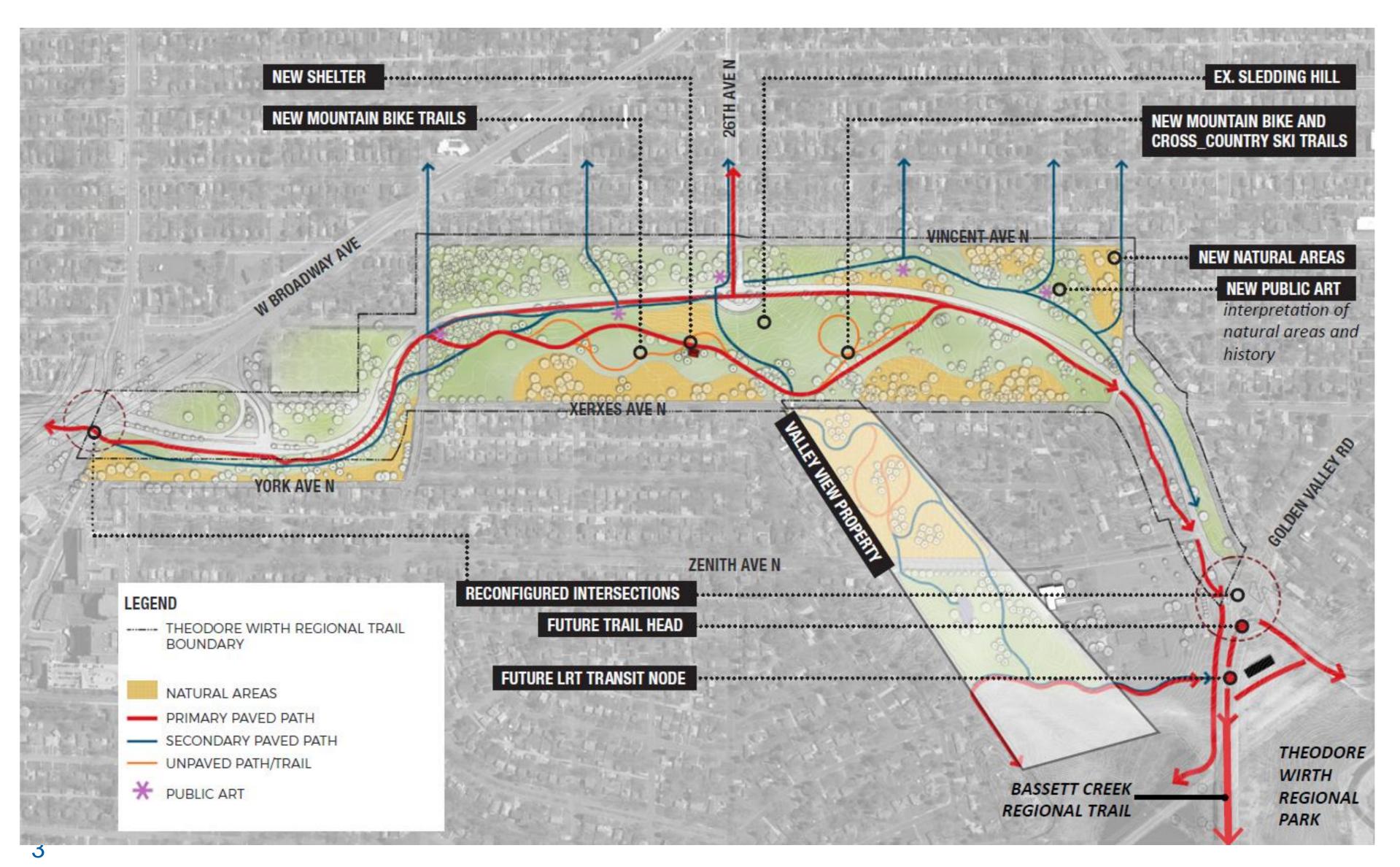




Regional Trails - 2040 System Additions



Redevelopment Plan



Plan Elements

- Trail and Roadways
- Intersections
- Natural Resources
- Other Amenities
- Wayfinding



Estimated Project Costs

Implementation Components	Est
Development	
Annual Operations	





timated Costs \$4,517,700 \$20,000



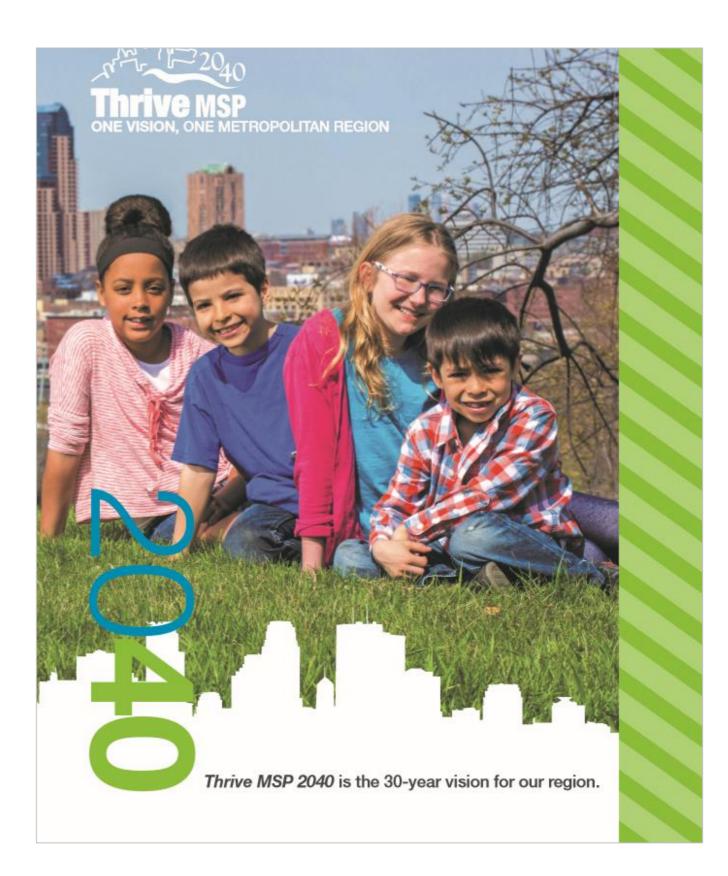


Rationale for Proposed Action

The Victory Memorial Parkway (Theodore Wirth Parkway Segment) Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment is consistent with the requirements of the: - 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, including Planning Policy Strategy 1

- Other Council policies









Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- 1. Approve Minneapolis Park and **Recreation Board's Victory Memorial** Parkway Regional Trail (Theodore Wirth Parkway Segment) Master Plan Amendment.
- 2. Require that Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, send preliminary plans to the **Engineering Services Assistant** Manager at the Metropolitan Council's **Environmental Services Division.**

THEODORE WIRTH PARKWAY

*□



LOCATION, HISTORY, AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Theodore Wirth Parkway is part of the historic Minneapolis Grand Rounds. It begins a curving, wooded Journey at the northern end of Theodore Wirth Regional Park (at Colden Valley Road) and travels northward to Lowry Avenue, where the corridor straightens into the formal allees of Victory Memorial Parkway. Officially, within the fwin Citles metropolitan regional park system, this segment is a portion of the Victory (Wirth) Memorial Parkway Regional Trail. The Victory portion, which stretches north from Lowry and then east across the city to Webber Park, has an adopted master plan, but the Wirth portion loes not—hence its inclusion in the NSAMP process. This guidance for Wirth Parkway will be onsidered, for Metropolitan Council purposes, to be an amendment to the Victory (Wirth) emorial Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan.

Theodore Wirth parkway exists partly in the City of Golden Valley and partly within Minneapolis. it consists of a typical Minneapolis parkway road (limited access, pink surface, wide curb tops) and redestrian and bicycle trails passing through a wide park corridor. The parkland here has fairly significant topographical change, especially at and north of 26th Avenue, where the land drops away steeply to the west. The landscape consists of Intermixed areas of open lawns and wooded enclaves, with many of the conifer groupings that were a signature of Theodore Wirth's planting

style here and in the park that now bears his

The corridor features mostly separated bicycle and pedestrian pathways, though these two do merge into combined corridors occasionally. Few oadways enter the park and connect with the parkway. McNair Avenue crosses the corridor Just north of Golden Valley Road, providing an mportant potential connection from the near north side. North 26th Avenue intersects the parkway at a famous spot known as "sunset hill." Sledding is a favorite activity here in winter, and this Intersection features a small parking lot, park klosk, and public art. North 29th Avenue also crosses the parkway, though there are no services here. The most complicated and problematic Intersection is the Interchange at Lowry Avenue and Broadway Avenue/Bottlneau Boulevard. The parkway Intersects the former at grade, under the Broadway overpass. Exit ramps connect to the parkway just south of the overpass. The tight space here and multiple crossings create conflict points for pedestrians and bicyclists, and the exit ramps Interrupt the flowing parkway experience

BOUNDARY AND ACQUISITION

No additional land acquisition is proposed by this

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD 271 NORTH SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN Victory (Wirth) Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan:

heodore Wirth Parkway Segr



