

Business Item 2020-243

Grand Round North Regional Trail Master Plan

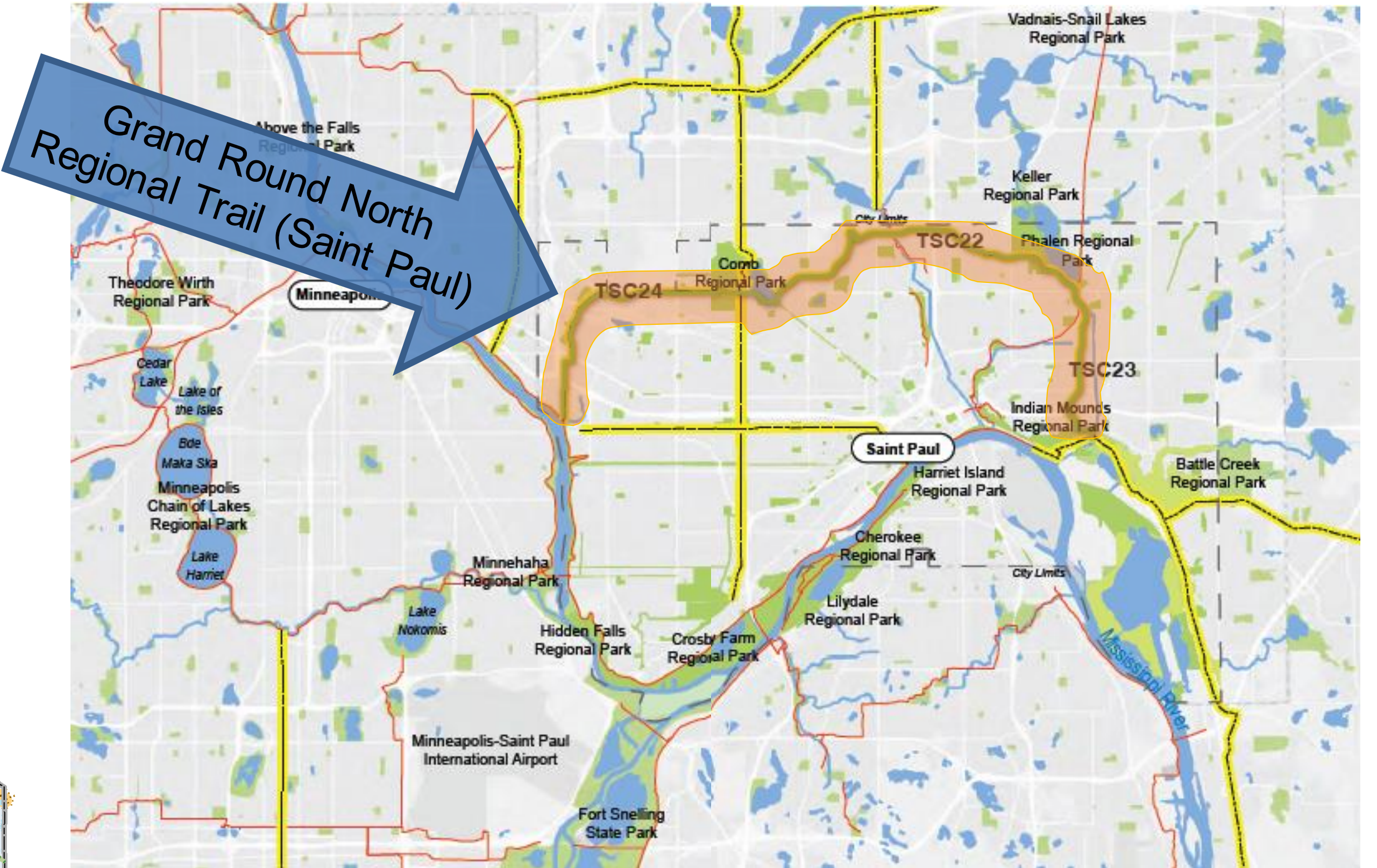
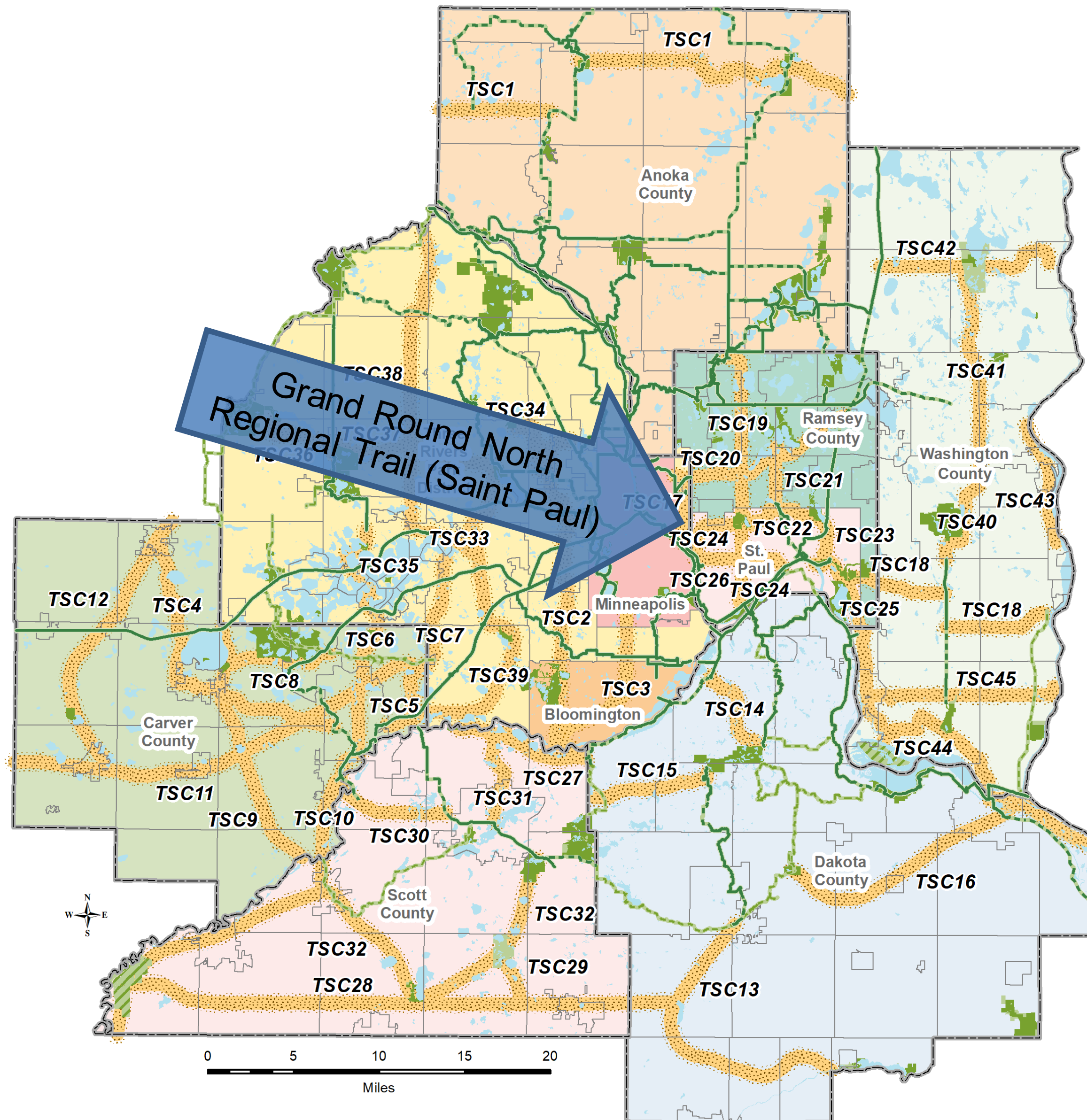
City of Saint Paul

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Community Development Committee



Grand Round North Regional Trail



Community and Partner Engagement

Who was engaged?

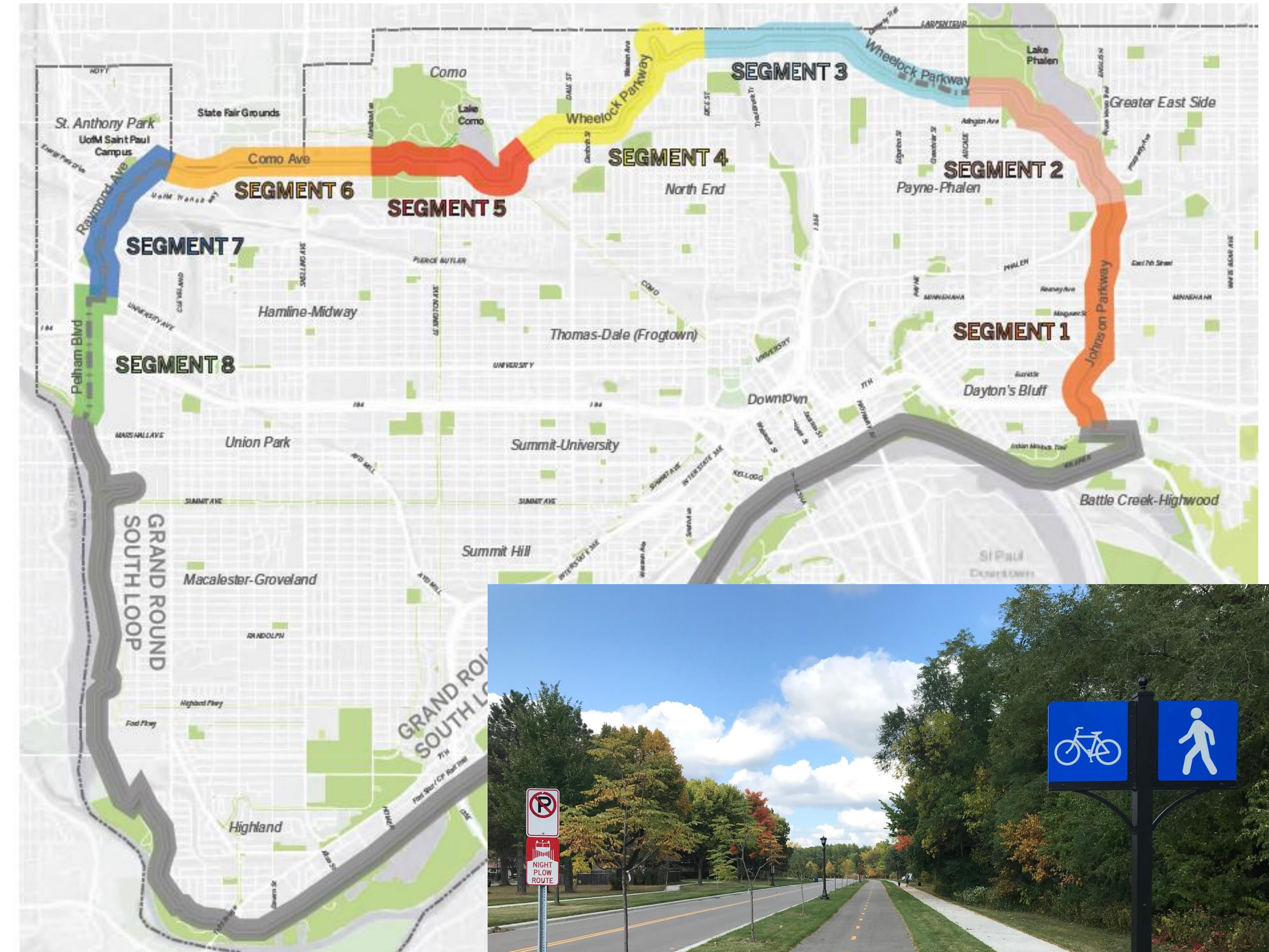
- Residents all along the trail route:
 - McDonough Homes
 - Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative
 - Dayton's Bluff, Payne-Phalen, North End, Como, St. Anthony Park, Union Park neighborhoods
- Agencies including the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Ramsey County, and Metro Transit
- Advocacy non-profits including the Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition and Move Minnesota.

What did participants say?

- Support for the plan was prevalent.
- Users include both pedestrians and bicyclists. The needs of each user group must be considered.
- Participants expressed a preference for facilities separated from motor vehicles.
- Safety was a concern for many participants.
- Amenities such as restrooms, water fountains and benches are desired.
- Connections and better wayfinding to existing trails are desired.

Development Concept, Estimated Costs

- All segments and facilities will be compliant with ADA.
- Standard design is a 10' bike trail when parallel to a minimum 5' sidewalk or 12' wide where there is not sufficient space for an adjacent pedestrian facility.
- Approximately one-third of the trail has been constructed since adoption of the 2017 Grand Round Design and Implementation Plan.
- The trail will not be considered fully realized until all trails are off-street.
- No acquisition costs, estimated development cost is \$11,058,000



Rationale for Proposed Action

- The Grand Round North Regional Trail Master Plan is consistent with the requirements of the:
 - *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*
 - Planning Policy Strategy 1
 - Other Council policies



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the City of Saint Paul's Grand Round North Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Require the City of Saint Paul, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division Assistant Manager.
3. Encourage the City of Saint Paul to implement advisory comments in the "Consistency with Other Council Policies and Systems" section regarding stormwater, natural resources and solar.

