

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: September 2, 2014

For the Community Development Committee meeting of September 15, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 24, 2014

Subject : Grant SG-2012-059 Scope Modification and Amendment to 2014 Park CIP Grant for Keller Regional Park as local match to Federal grant for Rice Creek North Regional Trail Extension, Ramsey County (Tori Dupre 651-602-1621 and Arne Stefferud 651-602-1360)

District(s), Member(s): MPOSC Districts E:Tony Yarusso, F: Sarah Hietpas, G: Carrie Wasley

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statute Section 473.315

Staff Prepared/Presented: Tori Dupre, Senior Planner and Arne Stefferud, Manager, Regional Parks and Natural Resources (651-602-1360)

Division/Department: Community Development, Regional Parks and Natural Resources

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2012-059 to change the scope (development project) to substitute “for professional design and engineering services, construction consultant fees and supplemental construction costs for the extension of Rice Creek North Regional Trail, from County Road H to Long Lake Regional Park, as a match to a \$1,100,000 Federal TAP grant.” Also, amend the agreement end date to June 30, 2018 to match the Federal grant end date.
2. Approve an amendment to the 2014 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program to change the \$555,000 grant to Ramsey County for Keller Regional Park to substitute “for the extension of Rice Creek North Regional Trail, from County Road H to Long Lake Regional Park, to match a \$1,100,000 Federal TAP grant.”

Background

Ramsey County requests that the Metropolitan Council consider proposed amendments to parks grant agreement SG-2012-059 and to the 2014 Parks CIP grant (Attachment 1). The County received a Federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant of \$1,100,000 to finance the extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail, from County Road H to Long Lake Regional Park (Attachment 2).

With the Federal TAP grant award, Ramsey County needs to provide a local match, and the Federal funding is scheduled for implementation in 2015. The proposed funding amendments would provide this match funding (\$707,000), as well as pay the costs of design, engineering and supplemental construction for the trail extension project.

Rationale

The Rice Creek North Regional Trail extension is consistent with the Rice Creek North Regional Trail Master Plan, which the Metropolitan Council approved on January 14, 1999 (Referral No. 16884-1).

The proposed amendments are consistent with the *2030 Parks Policy Plan* policies regarding minor amendments to grant agreements. Both amendments are considered minor as they do not change or increase the approved grant amounts.

The Metropolitan Council must consider and approve the proposed grant amendment to SG-2012-059 because it's a substantial revision to the existing grant agreement and to the project funded. The grant agreement (section 6.07) allows the agreement terms to be changed by mutual consent of the parties, and changes are effective "only upon execution of written amendment signed by authorized representatives of the Council and the Grantee."

The Council's 2014 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is financed with 2014 State bonds and Metro Council bonds. Ramsey County had not anticipated the Federal grant award at the time it prepared a priority project list for the CIP. Therefore, the proposed minor amendment changes the \$555,000 grant-funded project from Keller Regional Park to the Rice Creek North Regional Trail.

Funding

Parks grant agreement SG-2012-059 provides \$160,000 to Ramsey County for Battle Creek Regional Park to design and construct a trailhead facility along the west side of Battle Creek Road, including an entrance road, parking lot, landscaping and site amenities. The grant is financed by 2012 State Bonds (\$114,000) and Metropolitan Council bonds (\$46,000). The grant term is from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016.

To date, Ramsey County has requested reimbursement of \$8,000 to finance the project design, so \$152,000 remains for the trailhead facility construction. However, the County put the project on hold because of funding implications with the partnership group that formed to incorporate and finance a cross country ski training facility with the trailhead construction.

Therefore, Ramsey County requests an amendment to SG-2012-059 to change the scope (project development) to "professional design and engineering services, construction consultant fees and supplemental construction costs for the extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail from County Road H to Long Lake Regional Park as a match to the \$1,100,000 TAP grant." The remaining \$152,000 will contribute to the local TAP grant match. The County also requests that the grant term be extended from June 30, 2016 to 2018 to match the TAP grant end date.

The Metropolitan Council's 2014 Unified Budget (2nd quarter amendment; business item 2012-122) authorized 2014 State bond/MC bond project-specific capital improvement program (CIP) grants to the park agencies. The CIP grants \$555,000 to Ramsey County for Keller Regional Park to "design and construct parking lot improvements; bituminous trail redevelopment; closing a substandard pedestrian tunnel under Highway 61 in Lower Keller Picnic Area; playground development; trail access improvement to the archery range; and improvements for special recreation sport games."

This 2014 grant agreement has not yet been drafted or executed. The County deferred the Keller Regional Park development project as a result of the Federal grant award for the Rice Creek North regional trail extension. However, the County plans to resurface and mill/overlay parking lots and trail segments, and provide turf maintenance for special recreation sport games in 2014 and 2015 through other potential funding sources

such as Regional Parks Operational and Maintenance Funding and 2016 Parks CIP funds. Therefore, the County requests amending the 2014 Unified Budget to use the CIP grant for the Federal TAP match for the Rice Creek North Regional Trail extension project.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to Ramsey County's proposed grant amendment, budget amendment, or to the scheduled Rice Creek North Regional Trail extension project.

Attachment 1: Ramsey County Letter Requesting Grant Agreement (SG-2012-059) Amendment and 2014 CIP Grant Amendment



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August 1, 2014

Metropolitan Council
Attn: Arne Stefferud
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RE: Grant SG-2012-059 Scope Modification and Amendment to 2014 Park CIP Grant for Keller Regional Park as local match to Federal grant for Rice Creek North Regional Trail extension.

Dear Mr. Stefferud:

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department (RCPRD) has received a Federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant of \$1,100,000 for the extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail from County Rd H to Long Lake Regional Park in the City of New Brighton as shown in the enclosed map. The TAP grant is scheduled for implementation in 2015. The trail development from County Rd. H to Long Lake Regional Park is consistent with the Rice Creek North Regional Trail Master Plan approved by the Metropolitan Council on January 14, 1999 (Referral No. 16884-1).

RCPRD requests modifying the project scope for grant SG-2012-059 and amending the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Regional Parks CIP that proposed \$555,000 for Keller Regional Park development to allow those funds to be used as the local match for the TAP grant, plus finance design/engineering, and supplemental construction costs for the extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail from County Rd H to Long Lake Regional Park.

SG 2012-059

RCPRD is currently utilizing Grant SG-2012-059 (with a current balance of \$152,000) for design and construction of a trailhead facility along the west side of Battle Creek Road in Battle Creek Regional Park. This development was in conjunction with a partnership development for a Cross-Country Skiing Training Facility at the park. To-date \$8,000 has been disbursed to finance design of the project. This project has been put on hold due to funding implications of the partnership group for the development of the Cross-Country Ski Facility. In light of this, RCPRD is requesting amending the scope of Grant SG-2012-059 to use the remaining \$152,000 for professional design/engineering services, construction consultant fees, and supplemental construction costs for the extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail from County Rd H to Long Lake Regional Park as a match to the \$1,100,000 TAP grant. The expiration date for grant

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SG-2012-059 is June 30, 2016. RCPRD requests amending the grant expiration date to the expiration date of the TAP grant, which is June 30, 2018.

Amendment of 2014 Metropolitan Council CIP Grant for Keller Regional Park

RCPRD would like to amend the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Parks CIP by replacing \$555,000 grant proposed for Keller Regional Park development with a grant for extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail described above. This will allow these funds to be used for the local match for the TAP grant, and finance supplemental construction costs for extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail from County Rd H to Long Lake Reg

The deferred Keller Regional Park development project is design, construction and contingencies for parking lot improvements; bituminous trail redevelopment; closing substandard pedestrian tunnel under Highway 61 in Lower Keller Picnic Area; playground development; trail access improvement to the archery range; and improvements for recreation sport games. RCPRD is planning to resurface and mill/overlay selected parking and trail segments, and provide turf maintenance for special recreation sport game field and 2015 through Regional Parks Operational and Maintenance Funding. The remaining improvements are proposed to be financed with 2016 Parks CIP funds.

Since the \$555,000 amount in the 2014 Parks CIP to Ramsey County is not changed, this project that will be funded with that amount—this is a minor amendment to the 2014

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to call me at 651-250-2500, extension 330 or email me at scott.yonke@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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Attachment 2: Ramsey County Map of Rice Creek North Regional Trail



RAMSEY COUNTY Parks & Recreation

RICE CREEK NORTH REGIONAL TRAIL EXTENSION - CONCEPT

Long Lake Regional Park to County Road H.

RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Date: 8/22/2011

Attachment 3: Proposed Minor CIP Amendment

2014 State bonds and Metro Council match for Project Specific CIP			PROPOSED CHANGES		
			State	Regional	Total
Anoka County	Coon Rapids Dam RP	Reconstruct boat launch and parking lot, sidewalk and patio modifications, shore fishing improvements, Visitor Center restroom ADA modifications, site furnishings, natural resource restoration/landscaping, stormwater management.	\$ 383,000	\$ 232,000	\$ 615,000
Anoka County	Anoka County Riverfront RP	Rehabilitation of shelters and restrooms.	\$ 58,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 74,000
City of Bloomington	Normandale Lake unit of Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR	Partial funding to reconstruct parking lots, driveways, lighting, boat ramp, and associated storm water management.	\$ 110,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 172,000
Carver County	Lake Waconia RP	Partial reimbursement for Carver County funding to acquire 200 feet of lake shore and 2.5 acres of land within park boundary.	\$ -	\$ 173,000	\$ 173,000
Dakota County	Lebanon Hills RP	Redevelop playground in campground and trail improvements adjacent to Jensen Lake based on existing master plan adopted in 2001.	\$ 160,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 250,000
Dakota County	North Creek Regional Greenway RT	Construct portion trail from Lebanon Hills RP through Minnesota Zoo including bridge at Co. Rd. #38.	\$ 243,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 388,000
Ramsey County	<u>Rice Creek North Regional Trail</u>	<u>Professional design and engineering services, construction consultant fees and supplemental construction costs for the extension of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail from County Road H to Long Lake Regional Park as a match to a \$1,100,000 Federal TAP grant</u>	\$ 346,000	\$ 209,000	\$ 555,000
City of St. Paul	Lake Phalen RP	Splash pad facility at Phalen Lake beach; may fund locker and restroom updates, and improved access routes to splash pad.	\$ 385,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 625,000
City of St. Paul	Lilydale RP	Continued construction of roadway and parking, trails, picnic shelter, environmental remediation, habitat restoration, infrastructure, and related items.	\$ 172,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 271,000
Scott County	Doyle-Kennefick RP	Partial reimbursement for Scott funding to acquire land for the park.	\$ -	\$ 235,000	\$ 235,000
Three Rivers Park Dist.	Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR	Redevelop and expand Normandale parking lot, reconstruct chalet parking lot, vehicle circulation improvements, partial funding for new chalet to meet winter and summer	\$ 953,000	\$ 485,000	\$ 1,438,000
Washington County	Lake Elmo PR	Continue to make improvements at the swim pond to accommodate high public use at this facility.	\$ 199,000	\$ 114,000	\$ 313,000
Washington County	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	Begin a project to renovate roads and parking areas, improve park buildings and re-locate the park entrance road to County Road 19.	\$ 98,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 145,000