

## Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: February 7, 2017

**Subject:** Council Action on Grant Amendments, Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail, Three Rivers Park District and Point Douglas Regional Trail, Washington County

**District(s), Member(s):** MPOSC Districts B, Robert Moeller; F, Sarah Hietpas

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statute 473.315

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

### Proposed Action

Information only

### Background

On January 25, 2017, the Metropolitan Council approved two grant amendments for active grant agreements with Three Rivers Park District (SG2013-121) and Washington County (SG2014-052).

The purpose of this Information Item is to update the Commissioners on these two Council actions. The January MPOSC meeting was cancelled. Both of these two amendments were time-sensitive, and to wait until the February MPOSC meeting would delay the construction projects associated with the grants. While the proposed amendments were considered minor (administrative), the staff sought Council approval given the amount of grant funds involved.

Both Three Rivers and Washington County sought to amend active grant agreements for trail construction projects by adding the unspent grant balances from closed grants for completed projects.

The state funding appropriation session law allows park implementing agencies to use any funds remaining after completion of a grant project to be spent on projects to support parks and trails by the park implementing agency.

Both park agencies formally closed out grants for construction projects, and completed the projects under budget, leaving substantial grant balances. Therefore, the park agencies requested that the balances be amended to add the funds to active grant projects at Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail (amended grant amount of \$4,617,904.55), and at Point Douglas Regional Trail (amended grant amount of \$1,277,307.54). For the Point Douglas Regional Trail grant agreement, the Council also approved a term extension to June 30, 2018 to match a Federal grant.

Both of the grant projects have Metropolitan Council approval and are included in the Council's authorized capital program (ACP).

The purpose of this item to inform the Commission. For more information about either of these actions, please see business items [2017-22](#) and [2017-23](#)