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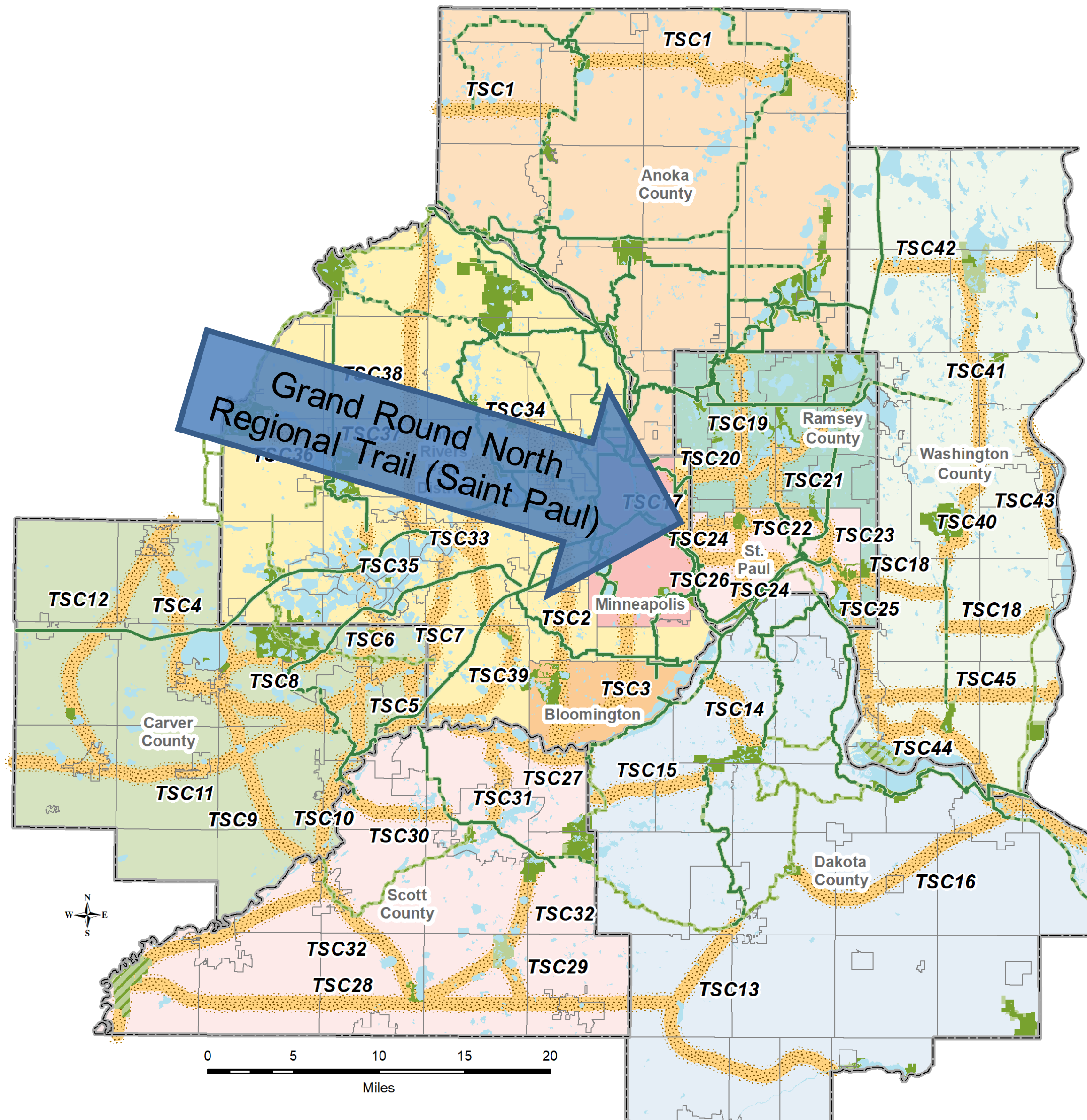
Grand Round North Regional Trail Master Plan City of Saint Paul

October 1, 2020

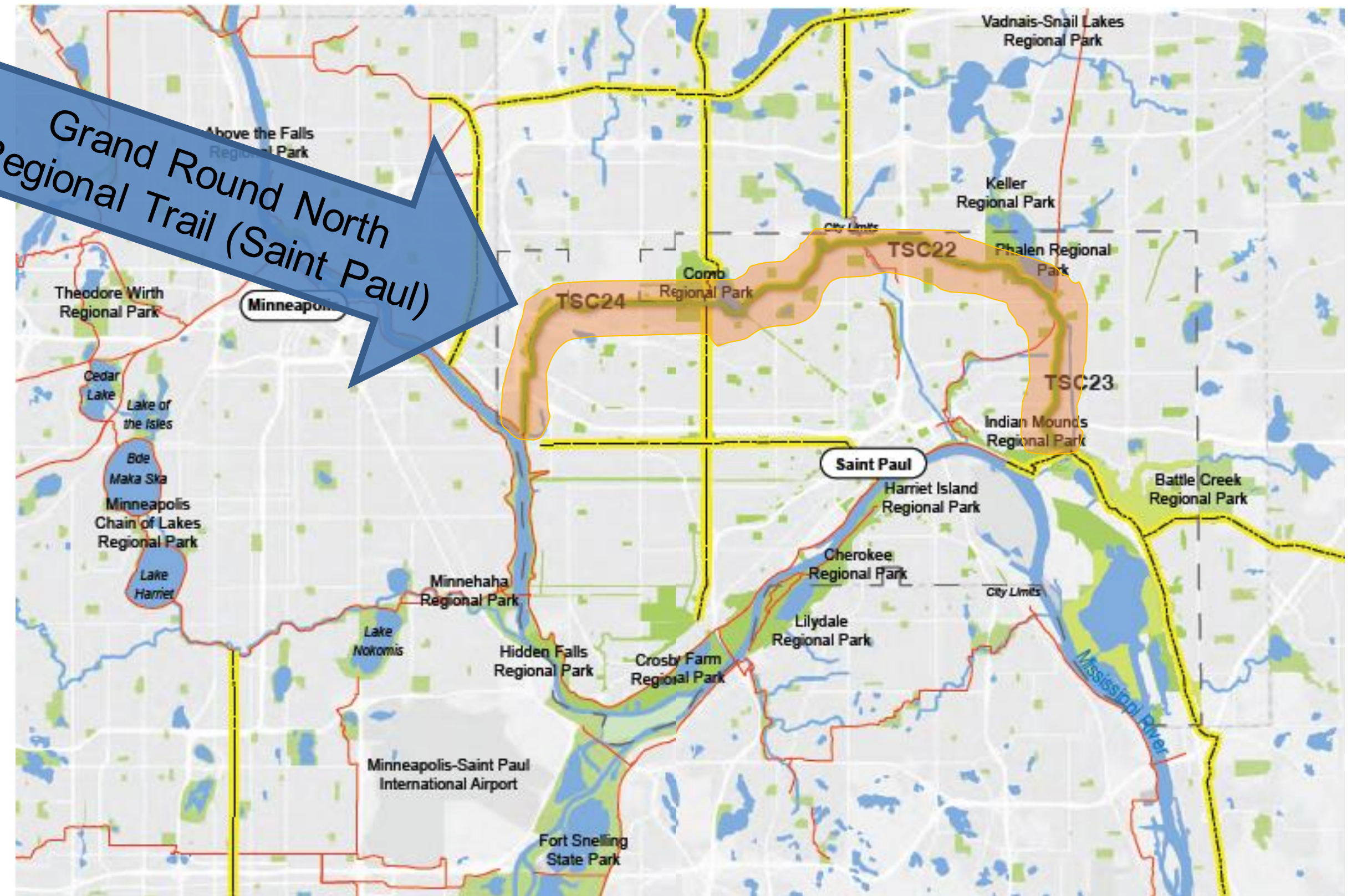
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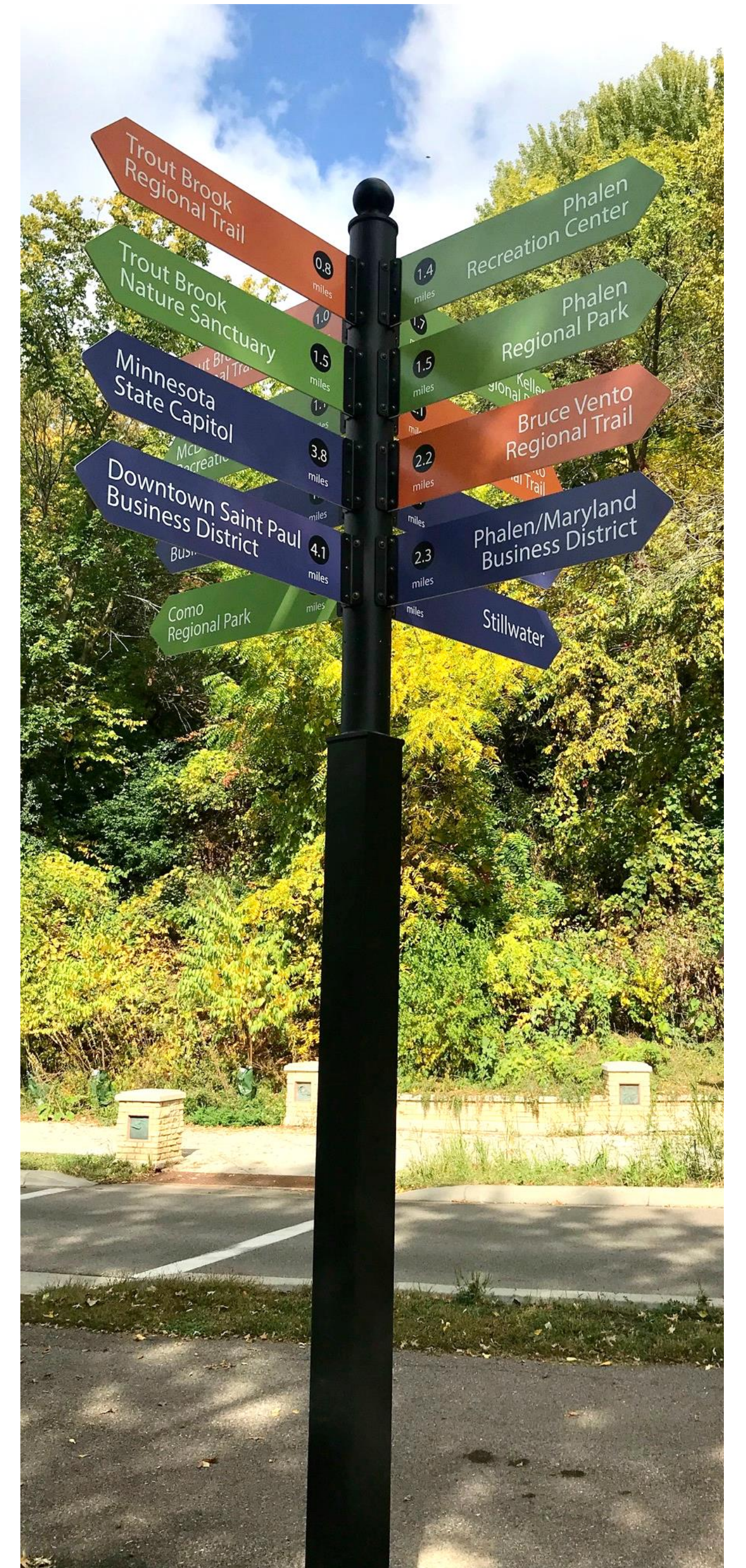
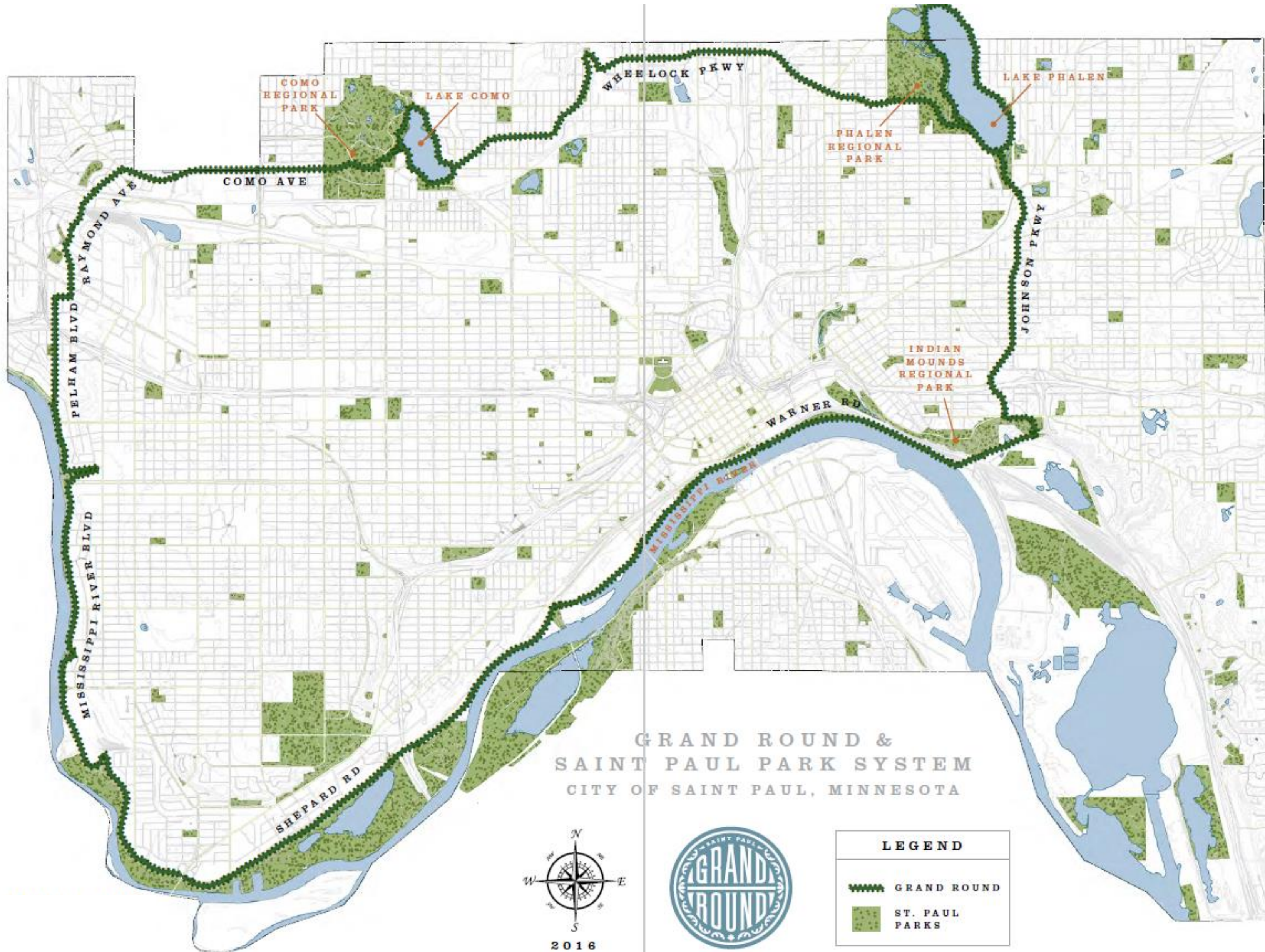
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The Saint Paul Grand Round



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.

How was the community engaged?

- Pop-up events along the Grand Round route
- Listening sessions with community organizations
- Engagement events held in coordination with larger community events
- Presentations at District Council meetings
- A four-day design workshop
- Online engagement including an online survey
- Open house meetings
- Community Advisory Committee meetings made up of citizen representatives

Community Engagement

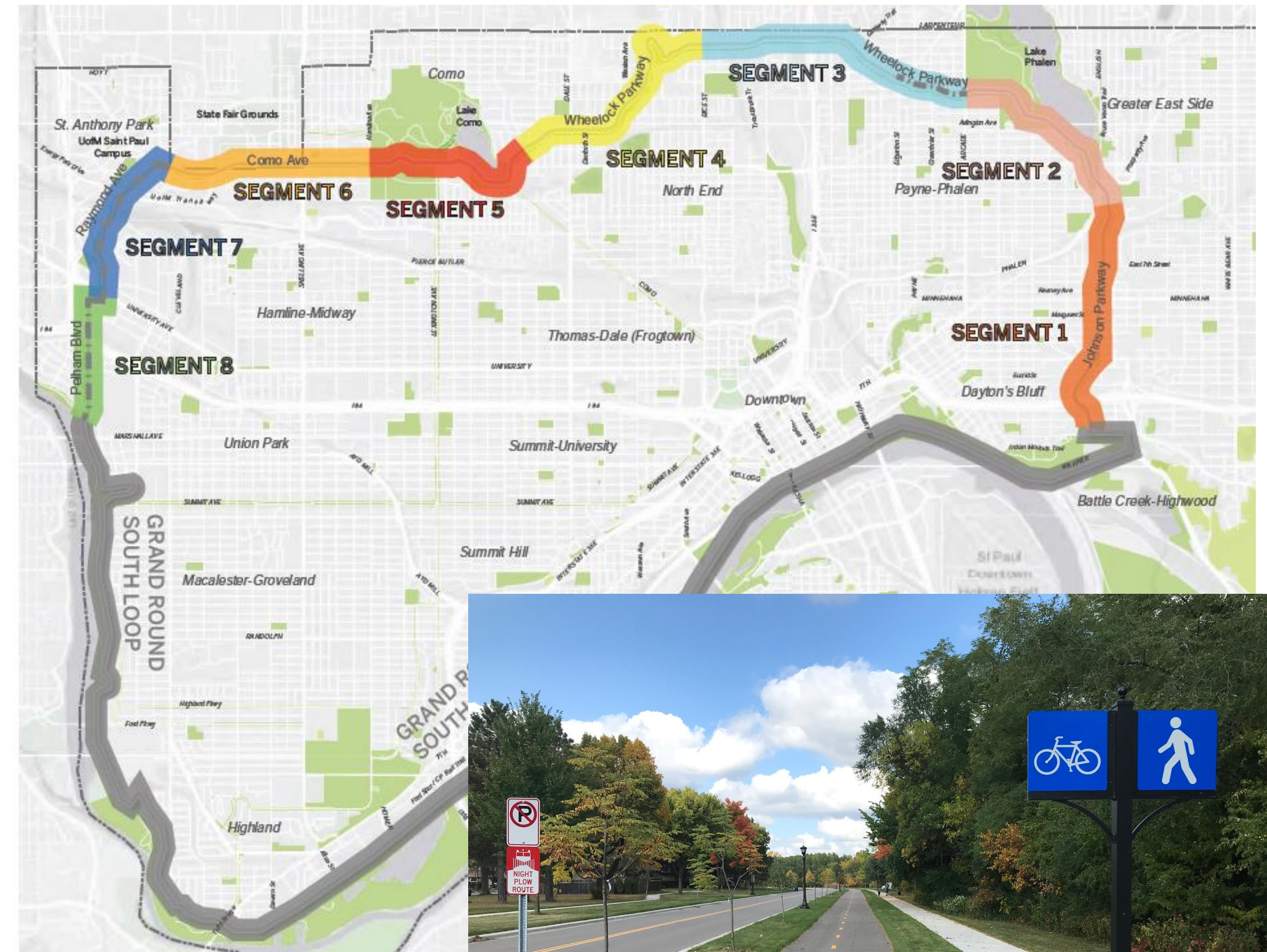
What did participants say?

- 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.



Overall Development Concept

- All segments and facilities will be constructed to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Standard design is a 10 ft bike trail when parallel to a minimum 5 ft sidewalk or 12 ft 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.



Segments and Construction Status

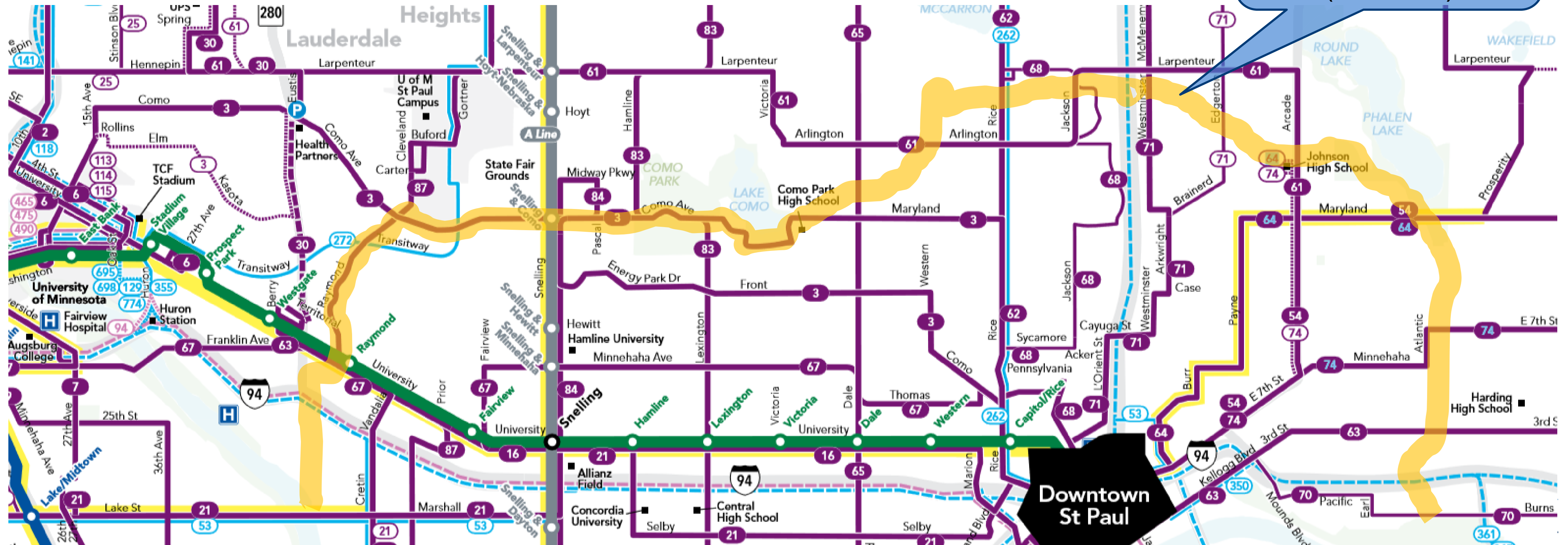
Segment Number	Name	Description	Length (% of total)	Planned Completion	Trail Development Status
1	Johnson Parkway	Burns to Phalen Blvd.	10,200 ft. or ~1.9 miles (15.0%)	2021	Construction will start in 2020 and be complete in 2021.
2	Phalen Regional Park	Phalen Blvd. to Arcade	7,850 ft. or ~1.5 miles (11.6%)	Future	Pending regional park master plan update and reconstruction of Wheelock Pkwy. between Arcade and East Lakeshore Dr.
3	Wheelock Parkway	Arcade to Rice	11,000 ft. or ~2.1 miles (16.2%)	2022	Edgerton to Rice is complete. Edgerton to Arcade will be complete in 2022.
4	Wheelock Parkway	Rice to Victoria/Como	11,200 ft. or ~2.1 miles (16.5%)	2020	Section between Western and Rice will be completed in 2020. Remainder of segment is complete.
5	Como Regional Park	Como to Hamline Ave.	7,500 ft. or ~1.4 miles (11.0%)	Future	Pending transportation study and regional park master plan update.
6	Como Avenue	Hamline Ave. to Raymond Ave.	8,500 ft. or ~1.6 miles (12.5%)	2021	Construction will start in 2020 and be complete in 2021.
7	Raymond Avenue	Como to University	6,200 ft. or ~1.2 miles (9.1%)	Future	Construction will be completed in the future as funding allows.
8	Pelham Boulevard	University to Mississippi River Blvd.	5,500 ft or ~1.0 mile (8.1%)	Future	Off-road trail construction will be completed in the future as funding allows.

Transit Connections



- Green Line LRT
- Metro Transit routes 3, 61, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74, 83, 87
- Near planned Gold Line station at Etna Street

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Estimated Project Costs

- No acquisitions are necessary to develop the trail
- Development cost estimates include:
 - trail construction
 - wayfinding signage
 - site furnishings (e.g., benches, drinking fountains, bicycle racks, bicycle repair stations, waste/ recycling receptacles)
 - lighting
 - vegetation improvements
- Approval of master plan does not commit the Council to any funding at this time.

Implementation Components	Estimated Costs
Development	\$11,058,000
Annual operations	\$205,000



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.

