

Meeting Date: 04/18/24

Business Item: ROUTINE BUSINESS

Item Number: **5C**

Division: Planning, Design & Technology

Originating Source: Jonathan Vlaming, Associate Superintendent

Agenda Item: Luce Line-Dakota Rail Connector – Cooperative Agreement: Orono

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Superintendent's Recommendation:

MOTION TO ENTER INTO THE DAKOTA RAIL – LUCE LINE CONNECTOR REGIONAL TRAIL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ORONO.

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Background:

On October 20, 2022, the Board adopted the joint master plan for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail and Dakota Rail-Luce Line Connector. The Dakota Rail-Luce Line Connector is located within the cities of Orono and Wayzata and, when complete, will provide area residents safe, convenient access between the Dakota Rail Regional and the Luce Line State Trail, as well as the greater regional park and trail system including connections to Baker Park Reserve, Lake Independence Regional Trail and the future Diamond Lake Regional Trail (maps attached).

Once a trail Master Plan has been adopted, and prior to acquisition, design and construction of a regional trail, Three Rivers and the affected city(ies) enter into a Regional Trail Cooperative Agreement. The Cooperative Agreement assigns responsibilities for the City and for the Park District with regard to design, construction, funding and maintenance. The Orono segment of the DRLLC Regional Trail is located entirely within the public right-of-way of Ferndale Road North so no private easements are anticipated for the future construction of the trail.

Staff recommends entering into the attached Cooperative Agreement which will also be reviewed and considered by Orono City Council at their April 22, 2024 meeting. If the City Council requests any changes to the agreement, staff will bring a revised agreement back to the Board for review and approval at a later date.

Relationship to the System Plan:

The Request for Action supports the following goal(s) of the System Plan:

Goal 1: You Belong Here

Goal 2: Parks Matter

Goal 3: Lead by Example

Attachments:

[DLRT DRLLC Context Map](#)

[Orono Agreement Map](#)

[DRLLC Trailway Agreement TRPD-Orono FINAL.pdf](#)