

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: 08/15/24

Business Item: ROUTINE BUSINESS

Item Number: **4E**

Division: Planning, Design & Technology

Originating Source: Jonathan Vlaming, Associate Superintendent

Agenda Item: Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail Trailhead Agreement with Tonka Bay

Superintendent's Recommendation:

MOTION TO ENTER INTO TRAILHEAD AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TONKA BAY FOR TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS AND LOCAL TRAIL CONNECTION AT MANITOU PARK ON THE LAKE MINNETONKA REGIONAL TRAIL.

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Background:

Three Rivers has been working on improving regional trail access and developing regional trailheads with parking, water, bathrooms, benches, bicycle fix-it stations, garbage receptacles, bike racks, and regional trail signage across the entire regional trail system for over the last decade. One of the trails identified for access and trailhead improvements is the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail which runs about 16 miles from Hopkins, Hennepin County to Victoria, Carver County and is one of Three Rivers busiest trails with nearly 900,000 annual visits in 2023.

The redevelopment plans include the following items which will provide a direct benefit to regional trail users: restrooms, water, a large parking lot (six stalls will be designated for regional trail users only), local trail connection, bicycle fix-it station, regional trail kiosks, garbage receptacles, and picnic/rest facilities. Tonka Bay is requesting that Three Rivers contribute up to \$100,000 to cover costs associated with the local trail connection, concrete kiosk plaza, and footings for the regional trail kiosk and bicycle fix-it station **(See Attached: Three Rivers Trailhead Cost Estimate)**.

Staff are supportive of the City's park redevelopment plan and requested funding contributions and drafted a trailhead cooperative agreement for Board review and approval **(See Attached: Lake Minnetonka RT Manitou Park Trailhead Agreement)**. The agreement obligates Three Rivers to reimburse the City up to \$100,000 and to maintain the wayfinding kiosk and bicycle fix-it station. The City will assume all design, construction and maintenance responsibilities of the trailhead components and parking as well as the local trail connection. The City will also designate six stalls within their parking lot for regional trail use only.

Three Rivers funding is proposed to be included in the draft 2025-29 Capital Improvement Program, with reimbursement to the City in 2025.

Relationship to the System Plan:

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

Goal 2: Parks Matter

Goal 3: Lead by Example

Attachments:

[Three Rivers Trailhead Cost Estimate.pdf](#)

[Lake Minnetonka RT Manitou Park Trailhead Agreement.pdf](#)