
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 11/19/2024

Title: Permanent Highway Easement with Minnesota Department of Transportation for Access to Keller Regional Park Drainage Improvement Project

File Number: 2024-373

Background and Rationale:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) owns and operates existing stormwater drainage infrastructure located north of the intersection of Highway 61 and Frost Avenue within the Highway 61 road right-of-way adjacent to Keller Regional Park. Ramsey County owns and operates Keller Regional Park in Maplewood. MnDOT is requesting a 966 square feet permanent State Highway easement for additional construction workspace as related to State Project 6221-107 to complete improvements on an existing storm sewer drain within the Highway 61 right-of-way. Drainage improvements consist of cleaning the existing storm sewer drain, removal of built-up sediment, and a new center system manhole/sump, riprap, drain apron, and restoration of site impacts related to construction activities.

MnDOT has completed a Minimum Damage Assessment Report and has determined a value for the 966 square feet Permanent Highway Easement in the amount of \$2,300. Underlying fee ownership will not be impacted.

The Permanent Highway Easement will allow improved access for long-term maintenance activities on existing Highway 61 stormwater infrastructure. MnDOT has prepared project plans, specifications, and necessary agreements in coordination with Ramsey County Parks & Recreation, and the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. All project activities and restoration will not be at a cost to the county.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve a Permanent Highway Easement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for access to Keller Regional Park in Maplewood to complete a drainage improvement project.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Permanent Highway Easement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the Permanent Highway Easement to Keller Regional Park in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: Jason Yang
Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County
Board