
Sponsor: Property Management

Meeting Date: 11/21/2023

Title: Easement Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for Kellogg/3rd Street and Bridge Replacement

File Number: 2023-501

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) is the owner of Union Depot and additional parcels adjacent to Kellogg Boulevard and the 3rd Street Bridge. The city of Saint Paul is undertaking the replacement of the Kellogg/3rd Street Bridge from Broadway to Mounds Boulevard. The new bridge will include expansion to accommodate the Gold Line transit route and allow for pedestrian biking and walking. The project is anticipated to begin in March 2024 and continue into 2027.

The city of Saint Paul is requesting permanent and temporary construction easements on RCRRA property immediately north and south of Kellogg Boulevard. The permanent easement allows expansion of Kellogg Boulevard between Broadway and Lafayette. The temporary easement allows for the use of RCRRA property adjacent to Kellogg Boulevard and the bridge for access, construction, and staging of equipment in the eastern parking lot of Union Depot.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority resolved to:

1. Approve an easement agreement with the city of Saint Paul, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102, on Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority property, including Union Depot, adjacent Kellogg Boulevard for a one-time payment of \$800,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute the easement agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: - 1: Moran

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board