



## Great Rivers Greenway

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

### 2024 DECEMBER Board Meeting

Great Rivers Greenway District Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

District Office 3745 Foundry Way, Suite 253, St. Louis, MO 63110

11:30am

#### 1. OPENING OF MEETING

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

##### B. OPEN TIME

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- In person: Sign up prior to the meeting or submitting written questions in advance to Barbara Bernthal via email [bbernthal@grgstl.org](mailto:bbernthal@grgstl.org) OR sign in upon arrival at the front desk.

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## C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - November Committee of the Whole TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MAY BE CORRECTED

Minutes

[View Minutes](#) for Nov 12, 2024 - Committee of the Whole Agenda or view via BoardDocs.com

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### E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - November Board Meeting TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MAY BE CORRECTED

Minutes

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## 2. PRESENTATION (S)

### A. 2nd Review - Draft 2025 Strategic Plan, Operating, Capital & Comprehensive Capital Improvements Programs Agreements Budgets and 2024 Budget Amendments- Mike Carson

File Attachments or or view via BoardDocs.com

<https://go.boarddocs.com/mo/grg/Board.nsf/Private?open&login>

Files:

[2025 Great Rivers Greenway Annual Budget - Dec DRAFT 11.26.2024.pdf \(34,695 KB\)](#)

[2024 Revised Capital Budgets BOD DRAFT - 12.04.2024.pdf \(836 KB\)](#)

[Legal 2024 Revised Budget 11.26.2024.pdf \(628 KB\)](#)

**B. Q3 2024 Financial Statement Presentation - Mike Carson**

### **3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. None submitted**

### **4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**A. Budget and Finance Committee/ROB EPSTEIN -approval and acceptance of the Q3 2024 financial statements subject to audit and authorizing other actions to effectuate the same. - Mike Carson**

File Attachments

[3rd Qtr 2024 GRG Financial Statement Summary 12.04.2024.pdf \(947 KB\)](#)

[Q3 2024 GRG Financials Draft.pdf \(1,287 KB\)](#) or view via BoardDocs.com

<https://go.boarddocs.com/mo/grg/Board.nsf/Private?open&login>

### **5. REPORT(s) OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUSAN TRAUTMAN**

**A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Submitted for review

File Attachments via BoardDocs.com

<https://go.boarddocs.com/mo/grg/Board.nsf/Private?open&login>

[BOARD Calendar DECEMBER 2024.pdf \(107 KB\)](#)

[2024 DECEMBER CEO report Great Rivers Greenway.pdf \(1,738 KB\)](#)

**B. NOTICE OF CONTRACTS EXECUTED- None to Report**

### **6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Committee of the Whole - That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.106 approving the 2025 Operating Budget, 2024 Operating Budget Amendment and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mike Carson**

BUDGET, 2024 OPERATING  
BUDGET AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZING OTHER  
ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE  
SAME.

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.172.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operating and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

**WHEREAS**, the District Bylaws state the annual budget shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) with or without modification no later than December 15 of each year;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Executive Officer and staff have developed a 2025 Operating Budget and a 2024 Operating Budget Amendment which have

been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the District's Budget and Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to approve the 2025 Operating Budget and 2024 Operating Budget Amendment and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board, convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024 at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way Suite 253, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board hereby approves the 2025 Operating Budget and 2024 Operating Budget Amendment.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**B. Committee of the Whole - That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.107 approving the 2025 Capital Budget, 2024 Capital Budget Amendment authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mike Carson**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 CAPITAL  
BUDGET, 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT  
AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS  
NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**; the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.172.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operating and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

**WHEREAS**, the District Bylaws state the annual budget shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) with or without modification no later than December 15 of each year;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Executive Officer and staff have developed a 2025 Capital Budget and a 2024 Capital Budget Amendment which have been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the District’s Budget and Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to approve the 2025 Capital Budget and 2024 Capital Budget Amendment and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board, convened at 11:30 am, on December 10th, 2024 at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way Suite 253, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board hereby approves the 2025 Capital Budget and the 2024 Capital Budget amendment.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.

4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2024.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

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Monica M. Huddleston President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:



C. Committee of the Whole - That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.108 approving the 2025 Comprehensive Capital Improvements Program Agreement Budget in connection with the CityArchRiver projects in the Mississippi Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mike Carson

A        RESOLUTION        APPROVING        THE  
2025 COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
PROGRAM AGREEMENT BUDGET IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE CITYARCHRIVER PROJECTS IN THE  
MISSISSIPPI                RIVER                GREENWAY  
AND AUTHORIZING        OTHER        ACTIONS        AS  
NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

**WHEREAS**, the District further agreed to be the public agency with fiduciary responsibility to receive regional tax dollars for the component projects

of CityArchRiver and to provide oversight in the administration of such regional tax dollars;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolutions 2012.74 and 2016.132, the District and the Gateway Arch Park Foundation f/k/a the CityArchRiver Foundation (the "Foundation") approved a Comprehensive Capital Improvements Program Agreement ("CCIPA") which outlined the list of component projects which comprise CityArchRiver and those projects' budgeted costs;

**WHEREAS**, the District bonded the CityArchRiver share of the 3/16 cent sales tax funds and in partnership with the Foundation and the National Park Service is constructing the projects delineated in the CCIPA;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 67.1742 of the District Act, the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") must approve a CCIPA budget which outlines the list of component projects which comprise CityArchRiver and those projects' budgeted costs;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Executive Officer and staff have developed a 2025 CCIPA budget which has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the District's Budget and Finance Committee;

**WHEREAS**, the District has submitted its proposed 2025 CCIPA budget to the Foundation for review and comment;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the 2025 CCIPA budget and to take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board, convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024 at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way Suite 253, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board hereby approves the 2025 CCIPA Budget.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.

4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

## 7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.109 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$31,500 with Schmersahl Treloar & Co., P.C. in connection with the 2024 fiscal audit and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Mike Carson

### WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
999	Regional		All

### WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Mike Carson	Schmersahl Treloar & Co., P.C.	Annual Audit Services/Contract Renewal

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
NO	N/A		

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFQ	October 2023	1 year passed, 4 years remaining	1

#### PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

Staff issued an RFQ for Annual Audit Services in October 2023 for up to five (5) years beginning in calendar year 2024 for the 2023 fiscal year audit. In addition to our normal public advertising, the RFQ was sent directly to six (6) regional CPA firms who had responded to past GRG audit RFQ's. The RFQ was downloaded by four (4) of those firms. One of the direct solicitation firms and our current provider of accounting services, UHY Advisors MO, Inc., did not download the RFQ, but did email telling us they would not be submitting a response.

Therefore, we only received one (1) response, which was from Schmersahl Treloar & Co P.C., our current auditors.

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Amendment	\$31,500	\$35,000 (2025 Budget)	

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

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#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	2024 Fiscal Audit	Sign audit engagement letter.

**WHY AND/OR HOW:**

As we only received one (1) response, and we are very pleased with Schmersahl Treloar & Co. P.C.'s services, it is the staff's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve a contract renewal with Schmersahl Treloar & Co., P.C. for the second year of the five (5) year contract.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.100	Approval of 5 year audit contract.
2024.106	Approval of 2025 GRG 1/10th Operating Budget

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$31,500 WITH SCHMERSAHL TRELOAR & CO., P.C. IN CONNECTION WITH ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the "District") is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the "District Act");

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative ("Proposition C"), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the "District's Mission");

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Operating Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.106;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Operating Budget included line item annual audit services for the District;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2023.101, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Schmersahl Treloar & Co., P.C. for annual audit services in furtherance of the District, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Schmersahl Treloar & Co., P.C.;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract renewal with Schmersahl Treloar & Co., P.C. in order to amend the period of service and compensation under the existing contract;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with Schmersahl Treloar & Co., P.C.; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with Schmersahl Treloar & Co. P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$31,500.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates

and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.

3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT  
RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:



B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.110 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$17,500 with UHY Advisors MO, Inc., in connection with Accounting and Internal Audit Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mike Carson

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
999	Regional		

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Mike Carson	UHY Advisors MO, Inc.	Accounting and internal audit services/contract renewal

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
NO	N/A		

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFP	November 2022	2 years past, 3 years remaining	2

#### PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

Staff issued an RFP for Accounting and Internal Audit Services in November 2022 for up to five (5) years beginning in 2023. Proposals were received from UHY Advisors Mo, Inc. (UHY) and CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. Both proposals were reviewed by staff and after follow up discussions, it was staff's recommendation that the District contract with UHY for the first year of a potentially five (5) year contract, with hourly rates for 2023 at \$85 for bookkeeping services and \$140 for accounting services.

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Amendment	\$17,500	\$17,500	

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	N/A	N/A

#### **WHY AND/OR HOW:**

Staff issued an RFP for Accounting and Internal Audit Services in November 2022 for up to five (5) years beginning in 2023. UHY Advisors Mo, Inc. (UHY) was selected and awarded the contract which included up to four (4) annual renewals.

We have been pleased with UHY's services and staff now recommends renewal of that UHY contract for the third year, with hourly rates for 2025 continuing at \$85 for bookkeeping services and \$140 for accounting services.

#### **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.01	Contract Awarded
2023.100	1st Amendment
2024.106	2024 GRG Operating Budget

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500 WITH UHY ADVISORS MO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH ACCOUNTING AND INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Operating Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.106;

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 GRG 1/10 Operating Budget included line item Accounting Fees for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2023.01, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with UHY Advisors MO, Inc., for accounting and internal audit services in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with UHY Advisors MO, Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract renewal with UHY Advisors MO, Inc., in order to amend the period of service and compensation under the existing contract;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with UHY Advisors MO, Inc.; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with UHY Advisors Mo, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:  
Absent:  
Not Present:

C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.111 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$150,000 with Development Resource Partners, LLC in connection with Real Estate Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Todd Antoine

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
000	All Greenways	N/A	District wide

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Todd Antoine	Development Resource Partners, LLC	Contract

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
No	25% MBE/5% WBE	No	3 person firm, one woman, two men

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
None	No

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFQ	September 2022	2 years passed, 1 year left after this contract	2

#### PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

RFQ for Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Services for 2023 through December 2025

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Contact Amendment	\$150,000	\$597,334 (2025 Capital Budget)	N/A

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

N/A

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	N/A	N/A

#### WHY AND/OR HOW:

This action is to authorize a contract amendment for \$150,000 with Development Resource Partners, LLC for 2025 Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation services. This is the second year of a three (3) year procurement of Real Estate Acquisition and relocation services.

During 2024, various real estate related activities required GRG staff to seek GRG Board approval for contract amendments in April and July 2024. GRG staff is recommending to increase the contract for 2025 to cover the volume of anticipated greenway segments which require appraisals, and other associated title work before closing. Beyond the typical project associated land acquisition through permanent and temporary construction easements, Development Resource Partners has provided other real estate services including researching possible GRG Operations facility locations, and assisting staff with opportunistic land acquisitions along the Meramec Greenway. This will continue in 2025, but the majority of the resources expended by Development Resources Partners is focused on greenway projects. For 2025, staff anticipates work on at least fourteen (14) greenway project segments. Those include the following:

- Brickline Greenway: Six (6) Project Segments
- Centennial Greenway: Two (2) Project Segments
- Dardenne Greenway: Two (2) Project Segments
- Deer Creek Greenway: One (1) Project Segment
- Hodiamont Greenway: Two (2) Project Segments
- Maline Greenway: One (1) Project Segment

Staff will work closely with the consultant to monitor contract spending and recommends approval of the 2025 contract amendment with Development Resource Partners, LLC.

#### **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.61	Approving a Budget Amendment and Contract Amendment for \$50,000 with Development Resource Partners, LLC
2024.35	Approving a Budget Amendment and Contract Amendment for \$48,000 with Development Resource Partners, LLC
2024.02	Approval of a Contract Amendment not to exceed \$75,000 with Development Resource Partners, LLC



RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2022.82	Approval of a Contract not to exceed \$75,000 with Development Resource Partners, LLC

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 WITH DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE PARTNERS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, all Greenways are shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Greenways”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by contracting for real estate acquisition and relocation services throughout the Greenways (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item #000 for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2022.82, 2024.02, 2024.35 and 2024.61, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into contracts with Development Resource Partners, LLC for land acquisition and relocation services in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into contracts with Development Resource Partners, LLC;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract amendment with Development Resource Partners, LLC in order to extend services through December 31, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Development Resource Partners, LLC; and (iii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Development Resource Partners, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid

portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.112 approving a contract not to exceed \$129,950 with Civil Design, Inc. in connection with Project Controls Consulting Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Todd Antoine

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
750	All Greenways	N/A	All jurisdictions

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Todd Antoine	Civil Design, Inc.	Contract

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
No	25% MBE/ 5% WBE	Yes, WBE	

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
N/A	N/A

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)	Sept 2024	N/A	3

#### PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

RFQ was issued in September 2024 and due on October 18, 2024. Three (3) submittals were received and reviewed by a committee of staff from the Administration, Build and Sustain teams. The committee met to review and discuss the submittals and recommended the selection of Civil Design, Inc. as the most qualified to perform the work outlined in the RFQ.

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Contract	\$129,950	\$160,000	

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

N/A

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Planning	2026 Contract

#### WHY AND/OR HOW:

This Board action is to approve a new contract with Civil Design, Inc. (CDI) for \$129,950 for 2025 Project Controls Consulting Services carried out by the Build and Sustain teams.

Starting in 2015, GRG initiated a process to develop a Project Controls System (PCS) used by the Build Team, and more recently the Sustain Team, for planning and delivering GRG's Capital Improvement Program. The PCS consists of internal business processes; a configurable on-premises project controls software program (InScope) and regularly scheduled weekly and bi-monthly project check-ins to monitor project risks, schedule updates and costs among other updates. GRG staff have embraced a culture and practice that has assisted the team in carrying out their Project Management duties as projects have become more complex and project tracking and administration is critical. An important component of the PCS has been the consultant team that works with GRG staff in the form of a Project Management Office. This service helps GRG staff enhance their project delivery efforts on individual projects while continuing to support the advancement and monitoring of the overall Capital Improvement Program. Kevin Corwin, has served as GRG's Project Management Office under AMPM, LLC (AMPM) since 2015. Earlier this year, Kevin decided to close AMPM at the end of 2024 and accepted a position with CDI. With the pending closure of the AMPM office, GRG staff decided to issue a new Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure Project Controls Services for 2025 through December 31, 2027.

The RFQ was issued in September and due in October 2024. Three (3) responses were received and a committee of staff from the Administration, Build and Sustain teams reviewed the submittals and determined that CDI was the most qualified firm with the experience of Kevin Corwin working with the CDI team of software engineers and others who are very familiar with GRG's processes and Project Controls. CDI submitted a scope and fee for \$129,950, which is \$300 more than the 2024 contract under AMPM. The RFQ outlined four (4) goals for Project Controls Services, which CDI has crafted its scope and fee to meet GRG's needs. The goals include the following:

**Strategy:** Assisting with analyzing and defining GRG's Capital Program and the collective execution and impact of all projects in the portfolio.

**Audit and Risk:** Routinely evaluating how well projects are being managed within the PCS processes and assisting with the assessment and mitigation of program and project risks.

**Governance:** Continuing to define and improve the PCS methods and standards used to govern projects. Identify or enhance new software tools and programs to improve the efficiency of the PCS program.

**Monitoring and Reporting:** Using special knowledge of the PCS software (InScope) and other internal GRG programs and software to develop, retrieve or analyze any needed or requested program and project data for reporting, analysis and other requests as needed from GRG leadership and staff.

With GRG having InScope now installed on GRG's servers, the monitoring and reporting functions will gradually transfer to GRG staff during 2025. This will provide a reduction in scope and fee for the 2026 CDI contract as GRG's staff becomes self sufficient in generating reports.

In October, the GRG Board authorized a contract with Project Data, LLC for various InScope improvements to improve efficiency, including the transfer of InScope to GRG's servers (the on-premises term). The software engineer working on the various tasks expects to be completed by March 2025. The 2025 contract with CDI will include Kevin Corwin's time to manage the InScope improvements in early 2025 as the work is completed. The 2025 CDI contract reserves fee for administration of future anticipated InScope improvements for 2025. GRG staff would bring a new contract with Project Data, LLC to the Board for consideration in 2025.

#### **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
N/A	

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$129,950 WITH CIVIL DESIGN, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT CONTROLS CONSULTING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the "District") is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the "District Act");

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, All Greenways are shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Greenways”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan through Project Controls Consulting Services (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item #750 for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the District’s Procurement Policy, the District issued and advertised Request for Qualifications for or in furtherance of the Project and received three (3) responses;

**WHEREAS**, Civil Design, Inc. was found to be qualified and whose proposal is in conformance with the requirements of the District Act (the “Proposal”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to accept the Proposal; (ii) negotiate and enter into a contract with Civil Design, Inc.; and (iii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the Proposal.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Civil Design, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$129,950 for the Project.
3. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
4. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
5. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

E. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.113 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$120,000 with Nexus Group in connection with the State of Missouri Government Relations Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Michelle Bock

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
999	n/a	n/a	all

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Susan Trautman/Michelle Bock	Nexus Group	Amendment to Professional Services for State of Missouri Government Relations

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
NO		MBE	

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
n/a	n/a

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFQ	November 2022	Year 3 of 3	6

#### PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

In November 2022, staff issued a Request for Proposal for Federal and State Liaison services to assist GRG in researching funding opportunities, strategic messaging and overall awareness of the organization and our projects, and identification and cultivation of relationships on GRG's behalf with key legislators and administrative contacts. We received six (6) proposals from:

- Alcalde & Fay
- Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
- Catalyst
- Holland & Knight LLP
- Husch Blackwell Strategies
- Nexus Group

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
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Amendment to contract	\$120,000	\$120,000	2025 budget
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#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

N/A

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2024	n/a	n/a

#### WHY AND/OR HOW:

Over the past few years, Great Rivers Greenway, with guidance from our government relations firm, has been successful in receiving State funding for greenway projects that align with goals of the State Legislature. To continue to strategically seek these opportunities to leverage GRG funds, it will be beneficial to continue to identify and cultivate key relationships with local and state legislators and officials.

In 2022, staff established a pre-qualified list that includes Nexus Group (Nexus). Nexus was critical to our success in 2023 and 2024 with the awards of significant funding from the State of Missouri. We continue to believe that their outcome-driven experience building and expanding relationships with key legislators and officials will be beneficial to the organization's mission and goals for leveraging funding.

We are requesting that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract amendment not to exceed \$120,000 for Government Relations Services with Nexus Group.

#### RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.103	RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NEXUS GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 WITH NEXUS GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATE OF MISSOURI GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by conducting federal funding research; developing strategic messaging and organizational awareness of the District, the District’s Mission, and the District’s projects; and identifying and cultivating relationships with federal and legislative contacts (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG Operating Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.106;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG Operating Budget included line item 999 for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2022.95 and 2023.103, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract and contract amendment with Nexus Group for government relations

services in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract and contract amendment with Nexus Group;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to further amend the contract with Nexus Group in order to amend the period of service and compensation under the existing contract;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Nexus Group; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Nexus Group in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

F. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.114 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$120,000 with Holland & Knight LLP in connection with Federal Government Relations Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Michelle Bock

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
999	N/A	N/A	ALL

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
SUSAN TRAUTMAN, MICHELLE BOCK	HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for Federal Government Relations

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
NO	n/a		

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
n/a	n/a

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFQ	NOVEMBER/2022	year 3 of 3	6

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
<p>In November 2022, staff issued a Request for Proposal for Federal and State government relations firms to assist GRG in identifying funding opportunities, strategic messaging and overall awareness of the organization and our specific projects, and identification and cultivation of relationships on GRG's behalf with key legislators and federal contacts (with a focus on Department of Transportation contacts). We received six (6) proposals from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcalde &amp; Fay</li> <li>• Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP</li> <li>• Catalyst</li> </ul>



- Holland & Knight LLP (Holland & Knight)
- Husch Blackwell Strategies
- Nexus Group

#### **WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
CONTRACT AMENDMENT	\$120,000	120,000	2025 budget

#### **OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES**

#### **WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	N/A	N/A

#### **WHY AND/OR HOW:**

Great Rivers Greenway, working with professional federal relations firms, has been successful in leveraging federal funds for greenway projects by aligning the goals and intended outcomes of our projects to priorities of the United States Congress. With a change in administration, working with a firm who is in touch with funding opportunities and priorities, as well as key individuals involved, will put GRG in the best position to continue to capitalize on these opportunities. Many federal goals continue to align with GRG's mission, including multi-modal transportation, connectivity, environmental stewardship, infrastructure reuse, carbon reduction and equitable economic development. In order to build on recent successes and take advantage of the upcoming opportunities, it is critical that we continue to identify and cultivate key relationships with the key individuals in

Congress, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Economic Development Agency, and others as needed.

In 2022, staff established a pre-qualified professional service providers list that included Holland & Knight LLP (Holland & Knight). Representatives from Holland & Knight were instrumental in the District's success in both furthering relationships at the federal level and in receiving funding in the past year. For 2025, staff recommends entering into a contract amendment with Holland & Knight to focus continued development and deepening of relationships with key individuals and agencies, strategic identification of opportunities for funding and advocacy for GRG and its projects that play an important role in moving our region forward.

We are requesting that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract amendment not to exceed \$120,000 for Federal Liaison Services with Holland & Knight.

#### **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2023.104	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 WITH HOLLAND AND KNIGHT LLP IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL RELATIONS SERVICES
2022.96	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 WITH HOLLAND AND KNIGHT LLP IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 WITH HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the "District") is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the "District Act");

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by conducting federal funding research; developing strategic messaging and organizational awareness of the District, the District’s Mission and the District’s projects; and identifying and cultivating relationships with federal and legislative contacts (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG Operating Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.106

**WHEREAS**, the the 2025 GRG Operating Budget included line item 999 for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2022.96 and 2023.104, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract and contract amendment with Holland & Knight LLP for federal government relations services in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract and contract amendment with Holland & Knight LLP;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to further amend the contract with Holland & Knight LLP in order to amend the period of service and compensation under the existing contract;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Holland & Knight LLP; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Holland & Knight LLP in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

G. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.115 approving a Contract Renewal with Husch Blackwell LLP in connection with comprehensive legal services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -

Michelle Bock

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
999	REGIONAL	N/A	N/A

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
MICHELLE BOCK	HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP	COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL SERVICES

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
NO	NO	NO	

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?

RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	
N/A	N/A

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	OCT 2022	Year 3 of 5 years	2

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
<p>Staff issued an RFQ for Comprehensive Legal Services in October 2022 for up to five (5) years beginning in 2023. Proposals were received from Husch Blackwell LLP (Husch) and Lashly &amp; Baer, P.C. A selection committee comprised of staff and board members with legal expertise interviewed both firms. After follow up discussion, it is staff's recommendation that the District contract with Husch for the first two (2) years of a potentially five (5) year contract, with hourly rates for 2023 and 2024 at \$355 and hourly rates for 2025 of \$380.</p>

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
CONTRACT RENEWAL			

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2024	N/A	N/A

**WHY AND/OR HOW:**

In October 2022, staff issued a Request for Qualifications for Comprehensive Legal Services. Husch Blackwell LLP was selected and the Board approved a contract including authorization for four (4) one-year renewals. Staff continues to believe that the level of service, breadth of knowledge, sound advice and professionals assigned to the District serve the District well. This contract renewal will allow Husch Blackwell LLP to continue to serve as General Counsel to the District and to provide comprehensive legal services for the 2025 fiscal year at an hourly rate of \$380 as set forth in their proposal.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.105	CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL SERVICES
2022.93	CONTRACT WITH HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP FOR COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL SERVICES

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP IN CONNECTION WITH COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District Bylaws require the Board of Directors to engage General Counsel for legal services as needed;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Operating Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.106;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Operating Budget includes a line item for Legal Administrative Budget Allocation for the District;

**WHEREAS**, Husch Blackwell LLP was found to be qualified and whose proposal was in conformance with the requirements of the District Act (the “Proposal”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2022.93 and 2023.105, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract and contract renewal with Husch Blackwell LLP for general counsel legal services as needed;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with Husch Blackwell LLP at the hourly rate of \$380 for one year until December 31, 2025 and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute a one-year contract renewal with Husch Blackwell LLP at the hourly rate of \$380.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

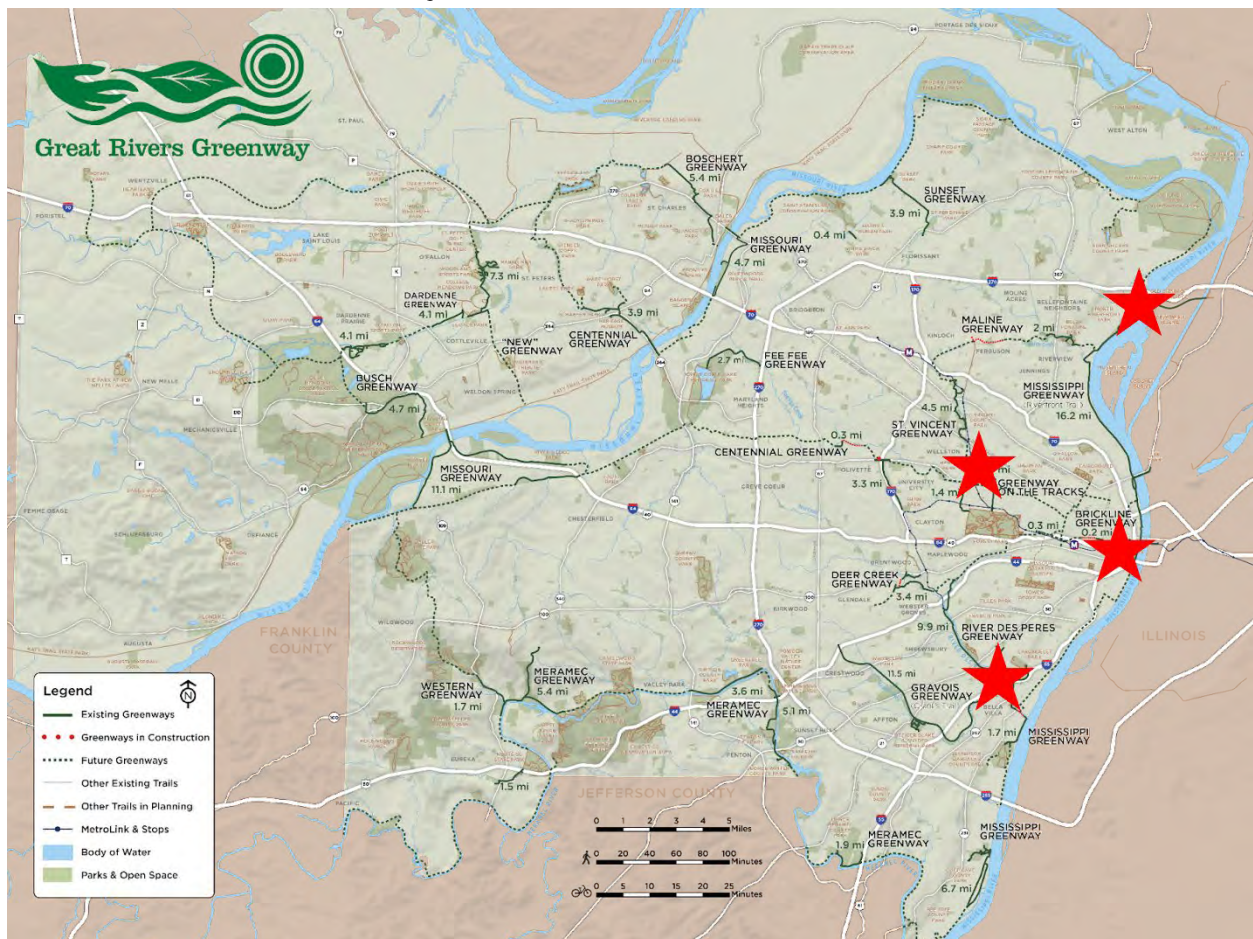
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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:  
 Nay:  
 Abstain:  
 Absent:  
 Not Present:

H. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.116 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$727,000 with Whelan Security Company d/b/a GardaWorld Security Services in connection with security services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Ben Grossman



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
762, 799, 881	Mississippi, River des Peres, St. Vincent	Kiener Plaza, Katherine Ward Burg Garden, Leonor K. Sullivan, Chain of	City of St. Louis and St. Louis County

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
		Rocks Park, Ruth Porter Mall, Trojan Park and most of the River des Peres Greenway	

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Ben Grossman	Whelan Security Co. d/b/a Gardaworld Security Services	Security and monitoring services

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
No	25/5% DBE/WBE	No	No

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
Gardaworld will utilize the following firms to achieve a total of 25% of the total contract to M/WBE firms. - A-1 Private Investigations, LLC (MBE)	No workforce goals but workforce is being tracked for reference.

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
- Protective Services, Inc. (WBE)	

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFP	September 2023	Second renewal with three (3) one(1)-year renewals remaining for a total of 5 years.	10

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
<p>Ten (10) firms submitted proposals for the project and four (4) firms were interviewed. Follow-up phone calls and meetings with two (2) firms were conducted to determine the most qualified and value-driven approach to providing security services and developing a recommendation for Board Approval. Firms interviewed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gardaworld</li> <li>- Securitas</li> <li>- Hudson Services</li> <li>- A&amp;A Security</li> </ul>

### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of a contract renewal	\$727,000	\$727,000	n/a

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

n/a

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Operations and Maintenance	n/a

#### WHY AND/OR HOW:

Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) has been providing supplemental security and monitoring on greenways since 2014. This has come in several different forms including police officers, guides and security guards. When Kiener Plaza was reopened and GRG assumed operations and maintenance of the park, a full-time security guard was deployed initially for sixteen (16) hours a day and then for twenty-four (24) hours a day one (1) year later. Bike-mounted security guards have been utilized to provide supplemental monitoring and oversight on the St. Vincent, River des Peres and Mississippi Greenways. When Katherine Ward Burg Garden opened in early 2023, no security was present onsite, but rather the park was observed remotely by guards at Kiener Plaza. GRG had also agreed to provide a guard on the Mississippi Greenway: Leonor K. Sullivan (LKS) at the newly constructed gates, specifically at the guard house at Chouteau Ave. Due to construction delays, that guard was not utilized in 2024 but will be used in 2025. GRG solicited bids for supplemental security for 2024-2028 and received ten (10) submittals. After a thorough evaluation, GRG staff recommended Whelan Security Company d/b/a GardaWorld Security Services (GardaWorld) for the contract in 2024 and the board approved a contract with GardaWorld for \$735,000. GardaWorld was able to provide a value-added approach to

remote monitoring, had a strong presence in St. Louis and had the ability to modify their shifts as needs changed. In 2025, GRG will include staffing to the guard shack at LKS, overnight/off-site camera monitoring at Katherine Ward Burg Garden and Chain of Rocks Park, a reduced shift (from 2024) of guard duty at Chain of Rocks Park, as well as continuation of the bike-mounted patrols and a full-time guard at Kiener Plaza.

GRG staff are recommending that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate and renew the contract with GardaWorld to provide security at Kiener Plaza, Chain of Rocks Park, Katherine Ward Burg Garden and on the Mississippi, River des Peres and St. Vincent Greenways for 2025. These services would be for a combination of staffed security, remote monitoring, bike-mounted patrols and on-call response to incidents.

#### **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2023.85	Contract with Gardaworld for security services
2023.18	Cooperation agreement with City of St. Louis for access control devices on Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd
2017.30	Operation and maintenance agreement with CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation and City of St. Louis for Kiener Plaza

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$727,000 WITH WHELAN SECURITY COMPANY D/B/A GARDAWORLD SECURITY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH SECURITY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, all Greenways are shown as a regional greenways in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Greenways”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by providing supplemental security on greenways (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget and the 2025 CAR 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107 and Resolution 2024.108 respectively;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget and 2025 CAR 3/16 Capital Budget included line items (762), (799) and (881) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2023.85, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Whelan Security Company d/b/a GardaWorld Security Services for security services on greenways in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Whelan Security Company d/b/a GardaWorld Security Services;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) enter into a contract renewal with Whelan Security Company d/b/a GardaWorld Security Services, and (ii) amend the period of service and compensation under the existing contract;



**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with Whelan Security Company d/b/a GardaWorld Security Services; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with Whelan Security Company d/b/a GardaWorld Security Services in an amount not to exceed \$727,000.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.

**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**



Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

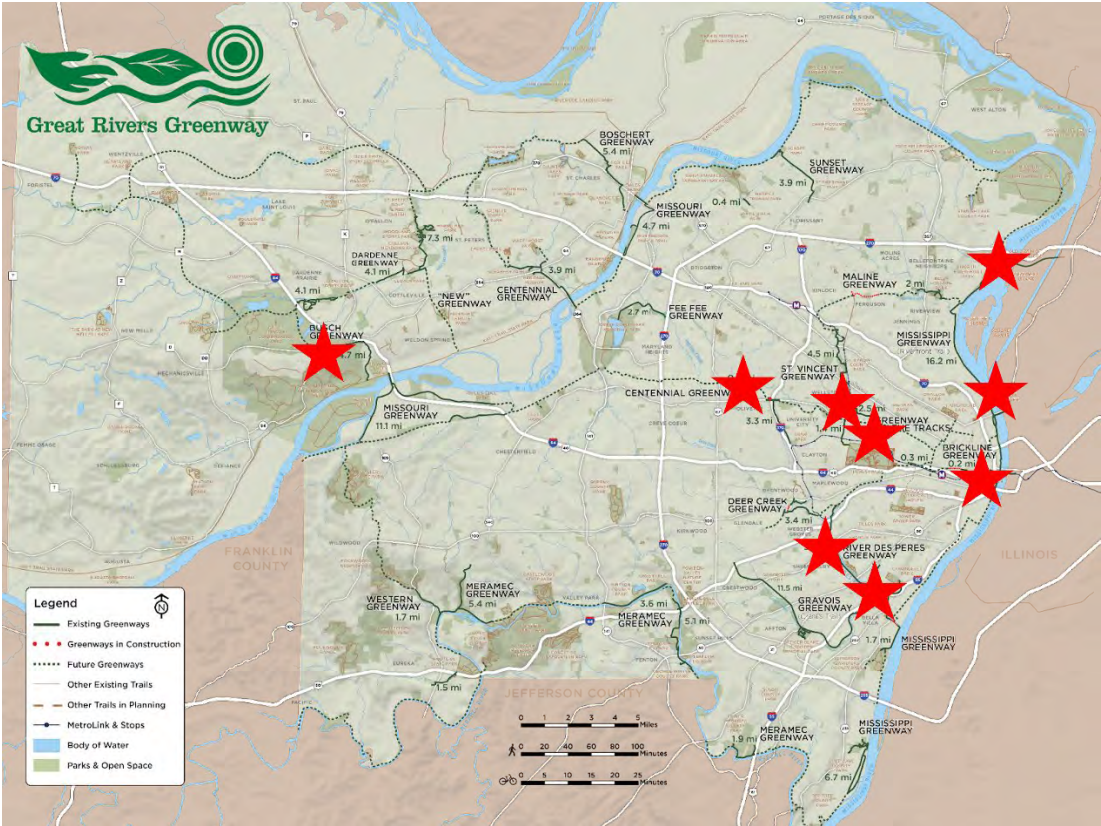
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

I. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.117 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$658,148.89 with TRC Outdoor LC in connection with greenway maintenance and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Ben Grossman



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
732, 799, 881, 883	Regional	Regional	St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Ben Grossman	TRC Outdoor LC	Maintenance and landscaping contract

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
No	25% MBE, 5% WBE	No	n/a

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
No subcontractors at this time.	No workforce goals, but requested for tracking

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
Public request for bid	October 2023	One (1) year has passed, two (2) years remain - 2025 & 2026	7

#### PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

Procurement details are available in initial board action item in 2023.

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of a contract renewal	\$658,148.89	\$658,148.89	n/a

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

n/a

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Operations and Maintenance	n/a

#### WHY AND/OR HOW:

Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) has either primary maintenance responsibility or supplements the care of certain greenways throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. In October 2023, GRG staff conducted a public request for bids for these services as well as for as-needed maintenance tasks not associated with an active project or greenway. Bids were requested for an initial one-year contract term with two (2) one-year renewals.

Seven (7) firms submitted sealed bids for the individual greenway segments or scopes of work (including hourly labor rates) for as-needed services based on an average of 2000 hours annually for work that is not a part of their normal scope of work (i.e., vandalism, car accidents, weather related incidents, as well as special projects that arise throughout the year). The Board of Directors authorized the CEO to enter into a contract with TRC Outdoor LC (TRC) for their initial contract for 2024.

GRG staff recommends renewal of the comprehensive greenway maintenance contract with TRC for 2025. Below are the greenway projects included in 2025, with some areas enhanced due to landscaping installed in 2024. A 3% increase is included across all sites.

The portion of TRC's scope for subproject 732 (total of \$407,148.89) from the GRG 1/10th includes the following greenways:

- Mississippi Greenway: Katherine Ward Burg Garden to Chain of Rocks Park
- River des Peres Greenway: Carondelet Connector, Raingarden Maintenance and Esplanade to Manhattan
- St. Vincent Greenway: Forest Park to St. Vincent County Park
- Centennial Greenway: Warson Park & Indian Meadows Park
- Busch Greenway: Raingarden quarterly maintenance
- Gravois Greenway: Mysun Trailhead to Germania
- Regional: As-needed services

The portion of TRC's scope for the CityArchRiver sites from the CAR 3/16th revenue stream (total of \$251,000) include the following sites in the Mississippi Greenway:

- Kiener Plaza
- Walnut and Pine pedestrian canopies over I-70
- Washington and Memorial Street Planters
- Leonor K. Sullivan
- As-needed services

2025 Maintenance Contract

GRG 1/10th (732)	\$407,148.89
CAR 3/16th (799, 881, 883)	\$251,000.00
Contract Total	\$658,148.89

It is the recommendation of District staff that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with TRC Outdoor LC for maintenance operations of greenways throughout the District.

#### RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.84	Contract with TRC Outdoor LC for maintenance services

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$658,148.89 WITH TRC OUTDOOR LC IN CONNECTION WITH GREENWAY MAINTENANCE AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, all Greenways are shown as a regional greenways in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Greenways”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by performing greenway maintenance activities (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget and the 2025 CAR 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107 and Resolution 2024.108;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget and the 2024 CAR 3/16 Capital Budget included line items (732), (799), (881) and (883) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2023.84, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with TRC Outdoor LC for greenway maintenance in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with TRC Outdoor LC;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) enter into a contract renewal with TRC Outdoor LC and (ii) amend the period of service and compensation under the existing contract;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with TRC Outdoor LC; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with TRC Outdoor LC in an amount not to exceed \$658,148.89.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:  
Absent:  
Not Present:

J. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.118 amending the 2023-2025 Prequalification List for Planning, Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mara Perry

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
N/A	All Greenways	N/A	All jurisdictions

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Mara Perry	N/A	Prequalification list for various Professional Services

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
N/A	N/A



PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
Request for Qualifications	Issued September 2022; Reissued September 2023; Reissued October 2024	N/A	70 in 2022; 13 in 2023; 10 in 2024

#### PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

For the 2024 RFQ, 7 of the 10 firms that submitted were interviewed.

#### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Prequalification List	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

N/A

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2023-2025	N/A	Issue of 2026-2028 Prequalification List RFQ

### **WHY AND/OR HOW:**

The Board approved Resolution 2023.83 last year, which approved the Prequalification List for Planning, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, Architecture and Surveying services. This is the Build and Sustain team's resource for professional services on all greenway related projects. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) covers work from January 2023 through December 31, 2025. In past years, GRG policy was to not allow new firms onto the prequalification list during the three-year period. For the current 2023-2025 period, staff modified the RFQ to allow new firms to submit their qualifications during the 3rd quarter of 2023 and 2024.

Staff issued the 2024 RFQ in October 2024, and received ten (10) new submittals which were due on October 21, 2024. Staff reviewed the submittals and recommended that two (2) firms be automatically included on the Prequalification List, as they all possess the professional services detailed in the RFQ. One (1) firm did not complete all the requirements listed in the RFQ and were not considered to move forward. The remaining seven (7) were new firms and staff coordinated 20-minute interviews with each of them to learn about the firm, its projects and other activities. Five (5) of those firms that were interviewed are recommended to be included on the updated Prequalification List.

The attached listing includes the firm's name, the zip code of their office, Woman, Minority or Disadvantaged Business (WBE, MBE or DBE) designation, and the professional service(s) they submitted and are qualified to perform.

### **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2022.92	Approving the 2023-2025 Prequalification List

2019.83	Approving the 2020-2022 Prequalification List
2017.102	Approving the 2018-2019 Prequalification List

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023-2025  
PREQUALIFICATION LIST FOR PLANNING,  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, ARCHITECTURE,  
ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES  
AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS  
NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the District's Procurement Policy and the requirements of the District Act concerning the public procurement process, the District creates a prequalification list of professional firms in a multitude of disciplines to interview and select when a greenway project is being planned and implemented;

**WHEREAS**, the District created a prequalification list for a three-year period beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2025, compiled through public advertisement and open solicitation of all interested firms (the "Prequalification List");

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the District's Procurement Policy and Section 67.1769 of the District Act, the District re-issued a Request for Qualifications and advertised for a Prequalification List for Planning, Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying Services and received ten (10) responses;

**WHEREAS**, seven (7) vendors were found to be qualified and whose qualifications are in conformance with requirements of the District Act;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) amend the Prequalification List and (ii) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same;

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the Board), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board hereby amends the Prequalification List for Planning, Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying Services for the three-year period beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2025 by adding thereto those seven vendors found to be qualified and whose qualifications are in conformance with the requirements of the District Act.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.

3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.  
METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

File Attachments to view BoardDocs.com

[2023-2025 Prequalification List for Board Approval Dec 2024.pdf \(451 KB\)](#)

## 8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 1/10TH REVENUE STREAM

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.119 approving a contract not to exceed \$174,000 with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. in connection with River Des Peres Greenway from Broadway to the Mississippi Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Mara Perry



### WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
235A	River Des Peres	Broadway to Mississippi Greenway	City of St. Louis and St. Louis County

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Mara Perry	Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.	Professional Services

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
YES	25% MBE/5% WBE	NO	NO

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
M3 Engineering, 25% MBE; DTLS, 18% WBE	NO

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
Vendor's List - Invitation to Interview	October 2024	N/A	4



## PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

In October 2024, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) staff released an Invitation to Interview (ITI) for design services for River des Peres Greenway from Broadway to the Mississippi Greenway. The ITI was sent to four (4) firms who all accepted the invitation. The four (4) firms were interviewed in October by an interview panel composed of GRG and St. Louis County staff. The interview committee recommended Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. to perform the services outlined in the ITI for the River des Peres Greenway project (235A).

### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
CONTRACT	\$174,000	\$200,000 (IN 2025)	N/A

## OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

N/A

### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	DESIGN	FINAL DESIGN

### WHY AND/OR HOW:

This Board action is to approve a contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for \$174,000 to connect the River des Peres Greenway to the Mississippi Greenway in south St. Louis County and City. This section had started design in 2010 and has endured numerous delays and challenges which has prevented construction from proceeding. This is one of the most requested projects from residents since the completion of Grant's Trail (Gravois Greenway) to the River des Peres Greenway.



The segment of the River des Peres Greenway from Broadway to the Mississippi Greenway (River City Casino) has a small section that has been on hold from construction since 2018. This uncompleted section is approximately 0.56 miles long, and this Board action will hopefully allow for this missing gap to be finally completed.

This small section of greenway involves a mix of stakeholders and entities claiming jurisdiction including St. Louis County, St. Louis City, St. Louis County Parks, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), Union Pacific Railroad and Penn Entertainment's River City Casino.

In January 2016, the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2016.09 which authorized a Construction Administration contract with Planning Design Studio, LLC for \$141,900. Planning Design Studio, LLC served as the main consultant throughout the design process which had started in 2010. In February 2016, the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2016.25 accepting the lowest bidder, RV Wagner, to construct the project.

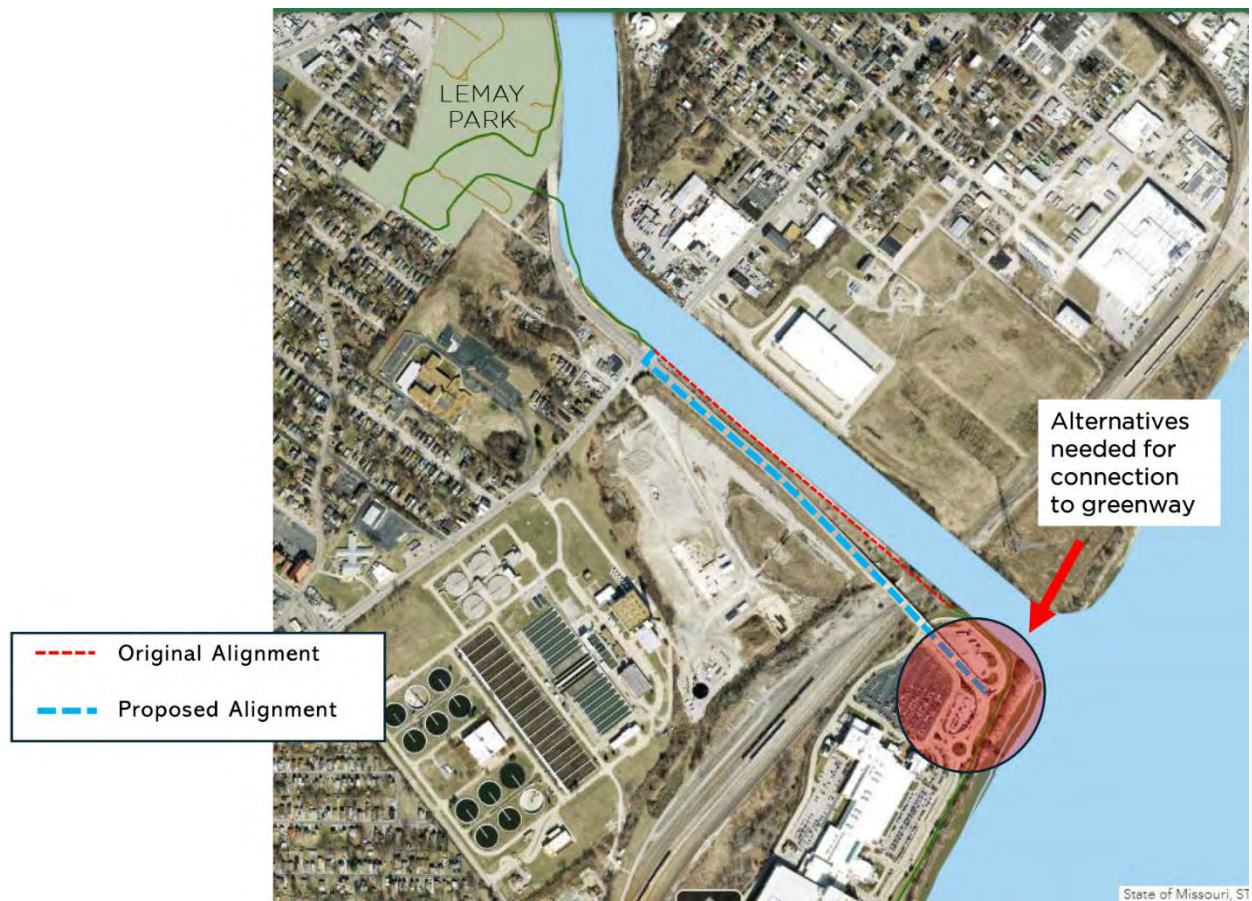
As of January 2017, 68% of the project had been completed. The section between Broadway and River City Casino was put on hold by GRG in order to coordinate construction with MSD for streambank stabilization project and the construction of new sewer structures. MSD finalized its design and started working within the trail construction area but was met with numerous delays due to flood levels.

In 2020, staff from MSD, St. Louis County Parks, GRG, and Planning Design Studio and MSD's contractor JH Berra met onsite to determine a path forward. A contract amendment was approved with Planning Design Studio, LLC for the final segment of the greenway to connect to the Mississippi Greenway. That plan was not able to move forward. The issue that prevented the project from proceeding was the railroad's requirement for \$10 million General Liability Insurance coverage for the greenway on railroad property. For over a year, St. Louis County and Union Pacific Railroad negotiated with the railroad to reduce the coverage amount to \$5 million. The annual cost for the insurance coverage was too large to be sustained by St. Louis County. Assistance from GRG for an ongoing indefinite cost due to rate increases was not a sustainable or recommended option. The completion of the final segment of the greenway was deemed unfeasible and GRG stopped the project to find an alternative route to make the connection. During the summer and fall of 2024, GRG staff has held discussions with St. Louis City, St. Louis County and consultants working for the St. Louis

Economic Partnership to discuss using River City Casino Blvd as the alternative greenway route. The road is a 4 lane bridge across the existing Railroad Tracks with a four (4) foot sidewalk on one side that is owned by St. Louis County. St. Louis County Transportation staff are supportive of studying if a travel lane could be converted for the greenway route. The proposed path would connect at Broadway where the existing River des Peres Greenway ends and continue on River City Casino Blvd and then connect to the Mississippi Greenway at River City Casino.

The design team for this effort is lead by Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. as civil engineering lead with M3 Engineering and DTLS as subconsultants. They will review plans and proposed development plans, conduct a traffic study and determine if using a travel lane would be feasible. They will engage all the various public agencies along with the Casino and other adjacent property and transportation stakeholders. A public meeting will be held once a feasible route is a possibility. If successful, and all the parties can agree on using a portion of River City Casino Blvd, GRG intends to quickly advance the design work in order to construct the greenway as quickly as possible.





#### RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2020.80	Contract amendment with PDS for Engineering Services
2020.21	Cooperation and Easement Agreement with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District and St. Louis County for the construction of the River Des Peres Greenway
2017.26	Contract amendment with PDS for Engineering Services
2016.125	Agreement with St. Louis County for Operations and Maintenance of the River des Peres agreement for the Alabama to Mississippi Greenway segment
2016.113	Contract with AECOM for Engineering Services for Permits with St. Louis County
2016.49	Contract with Geotechnology for Testing Services
2016.42	Contract with RV Wagner for Construction of RdP IV

2016.09	Contract with PDS for Construction Administration
2015.108	O&M with St. Louis County Parks
2015.33	Contract with Paric Corporation for Construction Management
2014.60	Contract with PDS for final design and construction documentation
2013.75	Contract with PDS for Engineering and Design
2012.67	Contract with PDS for Engineering and Design
2011.64	Contract Amendment with PDS for Engineering Design
2010.74	Contract with PDS for Preliminary Design
2007.42	Approval of Contract with PDS for Schematic Design Study of River des Peres/Mississippi River Greenways between I-55 and JB County Park

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$174,000 WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH RIVER DES PERES GREENWAY FROM BROADWAY TO THE MISSISSIPPI GREENWAY AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of

the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the River des Peres Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “River des Peres Greenway”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by design and constructing the greenway from Broadway to the Mississippi Greenway (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item #235A for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. was found to be qualified and whose proposal is in conformance with the requirements of the District Act (the “Proposal”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the Proposal; (ii) negotiate and enter into a contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.; and (iii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the Proposal.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly in an amount not to exceed \$174,000 for the Project.
3. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.



4. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
5. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.

**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.120 approving a contract not to exceed \$193,217 with ABNA Engineering, Inc. in connection with Gravois Greenway Bridge Repair and Replacement and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Will Rein



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
732C	Gravois	Grant's Trail	St. Louis County

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
William Rein	ABNA Engineering, Inc.	Construction Management Services

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
No	25%/5% MBE/WBE	WBE, DBE, MBE	N/A

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
No subcontractors	No

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFQ	October 2024	N/A	1

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
An RFQ for for construction management services was developed and published in September 2024. ABNA Engineering, Inc. provided the only submission. They were interviewed in October 2024 and it was determined they are qualified to provide these services.

### WHAT:



ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of a Contract	\$193,217	\$193,217	2025 Budget

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

n/a

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Design	Construction

#### WHY AND/OR HOW:

At its November 12, 2024 Board of Directors meeting, the District Board approved a Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis County wherein the District agrees to take on the cost of construction (including construction management) for improvements to three (3) heavily utilized County bridges on Gravois Greenway. By way of background, the County had previously agreed to pay for construction while the District paid for design, but budget constraints caused the County to indefinitely postpone the projects. The most critical component of the project is the replacement of the existing wooden bridge which continues to deteriorate and approach the need for closure. While all three (3) of these structures could be completed separately, given economies of scale and the need for greenway closures and detours, staff are recommending all three (3) structures be repaired or replaced at the same time. Total construction for all three (3) is estimated to be ninety (90) days, which will require a detour around the structures through Officer Blake Snyder County Park for that entire time. St. Louis County Parks staff would support the project through design review and coordination with other STLC departments to obtain necessary permits and authorization.

In order to ready the projects for bid, GRG staff are requesting that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a contract with

ABNA Engineering, Inc. for \$193,217 for construction management services which includes expenses (\$4,392) and materials testing (\$12,180). A construction contract will be presented to the Board of Directors in 2025 after the project is publicly bid.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2021.14	Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis County in Connection with Gravois Greenway Pedestrian Bridge Replacements
2021.15	Approval of a Contract not to exceed \$416,297 with Thouvenot Wade & Moerchen, Inc for design services.
2022.85	Approval of a Contract Amendment not to exceed \$74,212 with Thouvenot Wade & Moerchen for additional design services
2024.98	Approval of A Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis County
2024.107	Approval of 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$193,217 WITH ABNA ENGINEERING, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH GRAVOIS GREENWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks

throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Gravois Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Gravois Greenway”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by repairing and replacing three bridges (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item 732C for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the District’s Procurement Policy, the District issued and advertised a Request for Qualifications for or in furtherance of the Project and received one (1) response;

**WHEREAS**, ABNA Engineering, Inc. was found to be qualified and whose proposal is in conformance with the requirements of the District Act (the “Proposal”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the Proposal; (ii) negotiate and enter into a contract with ABNA Engineering, Inc. and (iii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the Proposal.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with ABNA Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$193,217 for the Project.
3. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
4. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
5. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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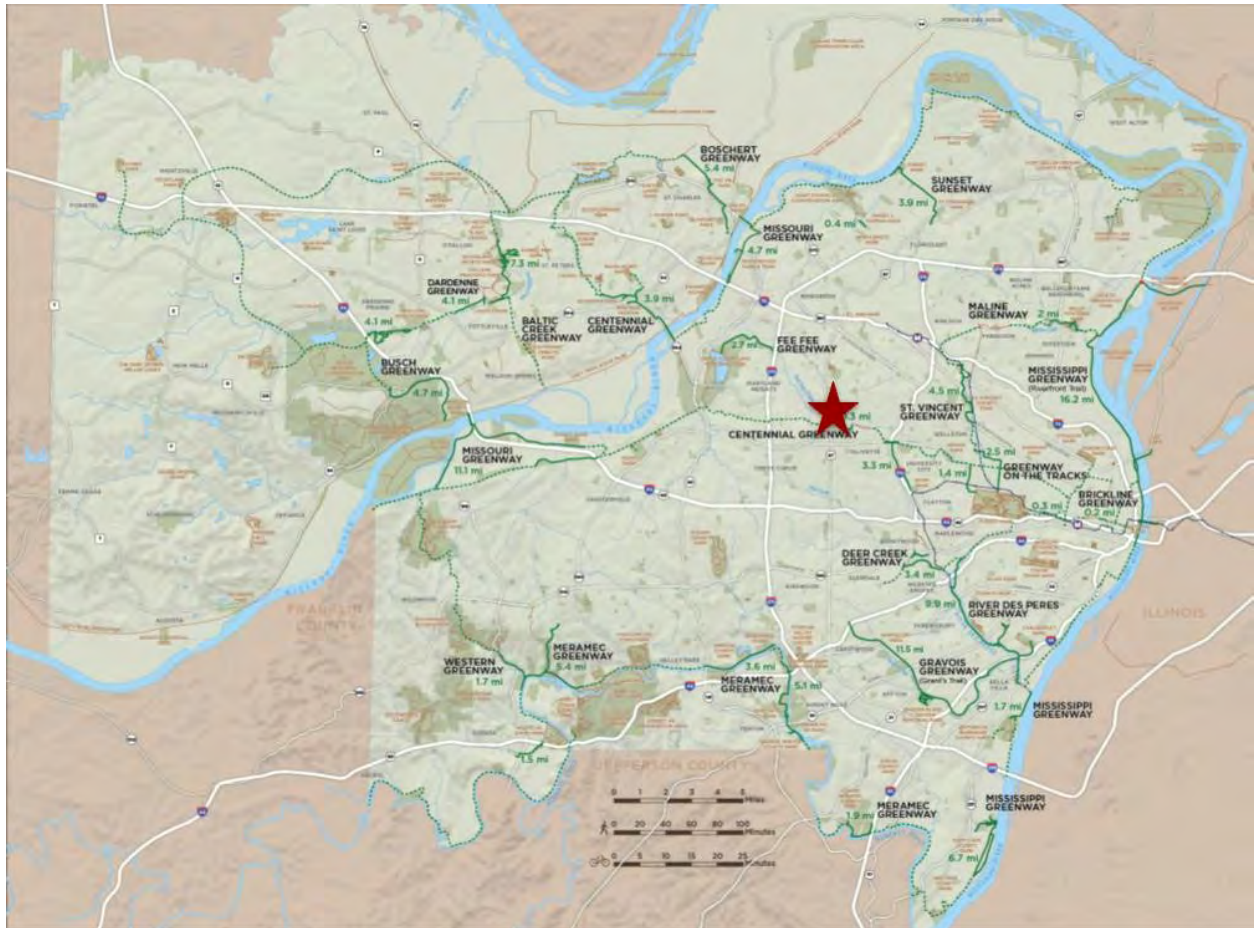
Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:  
 Abstain:  
 Absent:  
 Not Present:

C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.121 approving a Contract Amendment not to exceed \$695,300, subject to future appropriation, with Reitz & Jens, Inc in connection with Centennial Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Angelica Gutierrez



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
599I	Centennial	Research Blvd to Schuetz Rd	City of Creve Coeur - St. Louis County

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Angelica Gutierrez	Reitz & Jens, Inc. (R&J) + DG2 Design, LLC (DG2) + Lochmueller Group, Inc. (LG) + Engineering Design Source, Inc. (EDSI)	Professional Services / Contract Amendment

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
No	25% MBE - 5% WBE	DG2 is WBE certified; EDSI is MBE Certified	N/A

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
DG2 Landscape Architect - 14% - WBE Lochmueller - 13% Engineering Design Inc (EDSI) - 31% - MBE	No

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
Invitation to Interview	March 2023	N/A	3

## PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)

Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) invited 3 firms to interview : Reitz & Jens, Inc. (R&J), Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM) and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT). The 3 firms assembled teams and were interviewed by staff from GRG and City of Creve Coeur. The selection committee evaluated the teams and the R&J team was recommended to be selected. The team is composed of R&J with DG2, Lochmeuller Group and EDSI.

### WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Contract Amendment	\$500,000 in 2025 \$195,300 in 2026 (pending future board approval) \$695,300 Total	\$505,947 in 2025	Subject to appropriation of 2026 budget

## OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

This project will seek federal funding in early 2025

### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Preliminary Design	Intermediate Design

### WHY AND/OR HOW:

This action requests to authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Reitz & Jens, Inc. (R&J) for \$695,300, for

design services for the Centennial Greenway from Research Blvd to Schuetz Rd in the City of Creve Coeur, subject to future appropriation of the 2026 Capital Budget.

**Project Background:**

GRG developed the Centennial Greenway Plan in 2006 featuring a connection between Forest Park and Creve Coeur Park. In 2019, GRG staff worked with the 39 North Greenway Master Plan consultant team to verify the 2006 alignment through the 39 North District. The planned Centennial Greenway alignment was incorporated into the 39 North Greenway Master Plan which runs through the northern portion of the 39 North District as the greenway travels from Warson Park in the City of Olivette, across Warson Road and westward to Lindbergh Blvd (segments 6, 7 and 8 in the map below). GRG is funding 100% of the design costs for these segments as it is part of the main Centennial Greenway alignment.

In 2023, GRG staff worked with multiple partners at the 39 North District and the City of Creve Coeur to fund the Preliminary design of the 39N Greenway Connector (segments 1 to 5 in the map below). This Board Action does not include any design work for this segment but discussions are underway with the partners to advance the design beyond the preliminary phase.

For the Centennial Greenway segment, the Design team worked to complete Preliminary Design in order for the City of Creve Coeur to submit a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Transportation Grant to East-West Gateway in February 2024 (Board Resolution 2024.08). GRG is providing matching funds towards the application and the project was selected to receive the requested funding for segment 6 in the map below. Subsequently, GRG and the design team is working towards another transportation grant, to assist with construction funding of Segment 8 which is the subject of this Board Action.

Segment 8 connects the western termini of Segment 6 at the intersection of Research and Baur Blvds, heading west to the Schuetz Rd and US-67 (Lindbergh Blvd) intersection where St. Louis County and GRG are partnering to reconstruct Schuetz Road and construct the Centennial Greenway parallel to Schuetz Rd. After multiple design iterations with alternatives to cross US-67, and carefully considering at-grade and separated grade type crossings, the design team recommended that the optimal way to cross US-67 is via a



bicycle and pedestrian bridge. The bridge is feasible and discussions have been held with the two adjacent property owners on both sides of US-67 and are supportive of the bridge option. The Jewish Federation of St. Louis on the west, and the Kolache building property owner to the East have expressed interest in a safer way to cross the road for pedestrians and greenway users in general and are willing to write letters of support to a future transportation grant application. Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) which owns Highway 67 along with St. Louis County Transportation have been engaged and are supportive as well.

This Board action will continue the design work for this segment for the next two years.

**Project Scope of Work and Design Fee:**

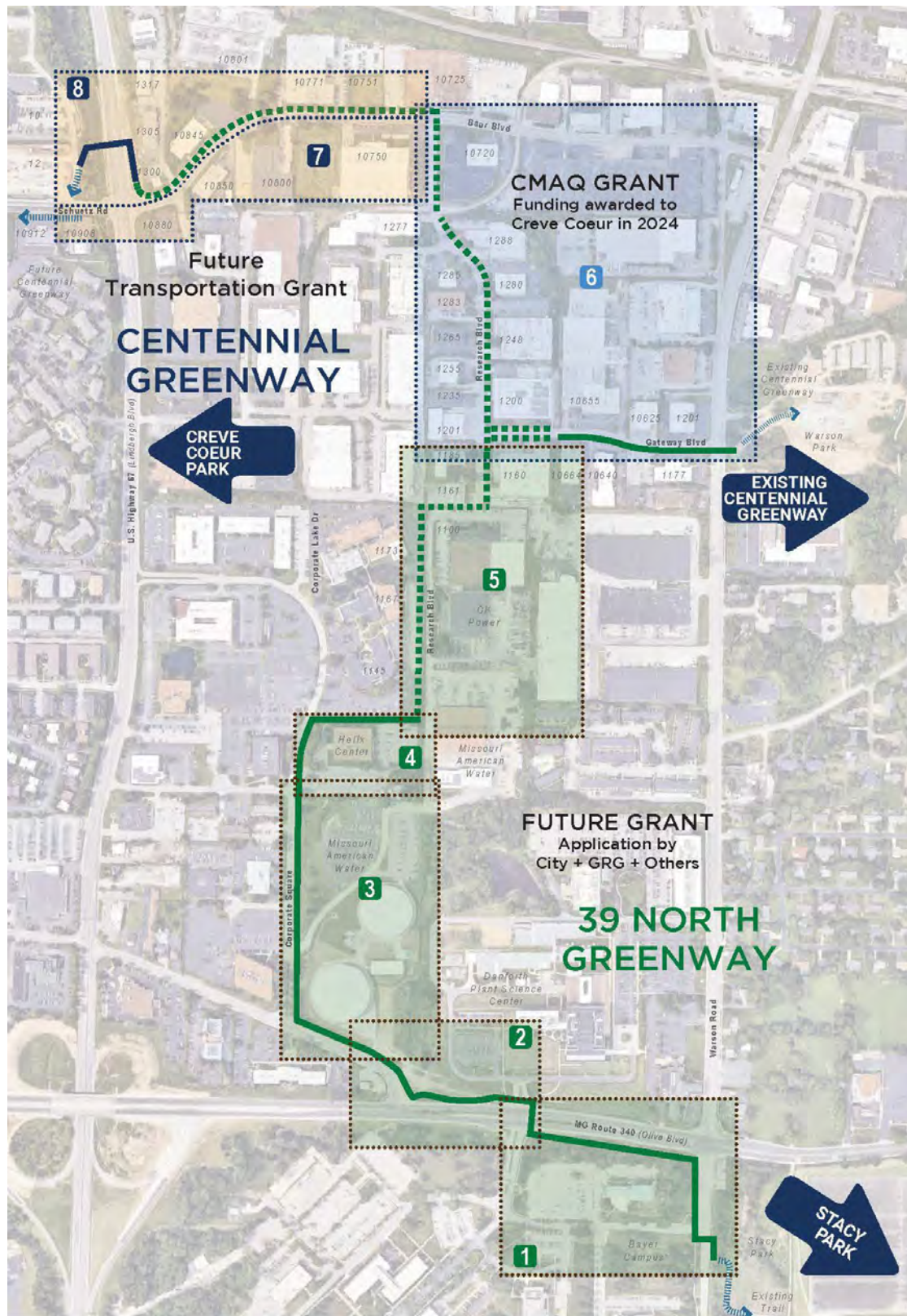
The R&J Team consists of DG2 for Landscape Architecture, Lochmueller Group for Transportation Engineering and EDSI for surveying work. The Design Services scope of work for segment 8 includes the following milestones:

- Grant Application 2025
- Civic Engagement assistance
- Survey
- Geotechnical investigation and analysis
- Intermediate Design
  - Right of Way design, Bridge substructure design, utility engineering, regulatory agency permits and reviews, risk mitigation review, operations and maintenance assessment, site control requirements, signage and environmental graphics.

The proposed fee by year is as follows:

Subproject / Year	2025	2026	Total
Centennial Greenway - Segment 8	\$500,000	\$ 195,300	\$ 695,300

The 2025 Capital Budget for project #599I includes \$505,947 in the GRG 1/10th Budget. The additional funds needed for the 2026 Capital Budget will be included in the next budget cycle, subject to Board approval of the annual capital budget.



## Centennial Greenway + 39N Connector Grant Funding Opportunities

November 25, 2024

CMAQ Grant  
 Future Grant  
 Future Grant

Options being studied  
 Owner supported route  
 Potential bridge crossing  
 Adjacent Connections





RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2022.81	Adoption of the 39 North Greenway Plan for the Centennial Greenway
2018.121	Approving an amendment to a cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County Economic Development Partnership in Connection with Centennial Greenway; 39 North
2017.25	Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis Economic Development Partnership \$400,000 to design a north-south connector from the Monsanto Campus to Baur Road to the planned east-west alignment of the proposed Centennial Greenway
2006.37	Approval of the Centennial Greenway Master Plan

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$695,300, SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION, WITH REITZ & JENS, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH CENTENNIAL GREENWAY AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, the Centennial Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Centennial Greenway”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by designing the Centennial Greenway in the City of Creve Coeur (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item #599I Centennial Research Blvd to Schuetz Rd (Bridge) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget will include line item #599I for the Project, subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2023.28, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Reitz & Jens, Inc. for preliminary design of the greenway in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Reitz & Jens, Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract amendment with Reitz and Jens, Inc. subject to future appropriation in order to amend in order to amend the scope of work and compensation under the existing contract;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Reitz and Jens, Inc.; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board convened at 11:30 am, on December 10th, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Reitz & Jens, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$695,300 subject to future appropriation.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.

3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

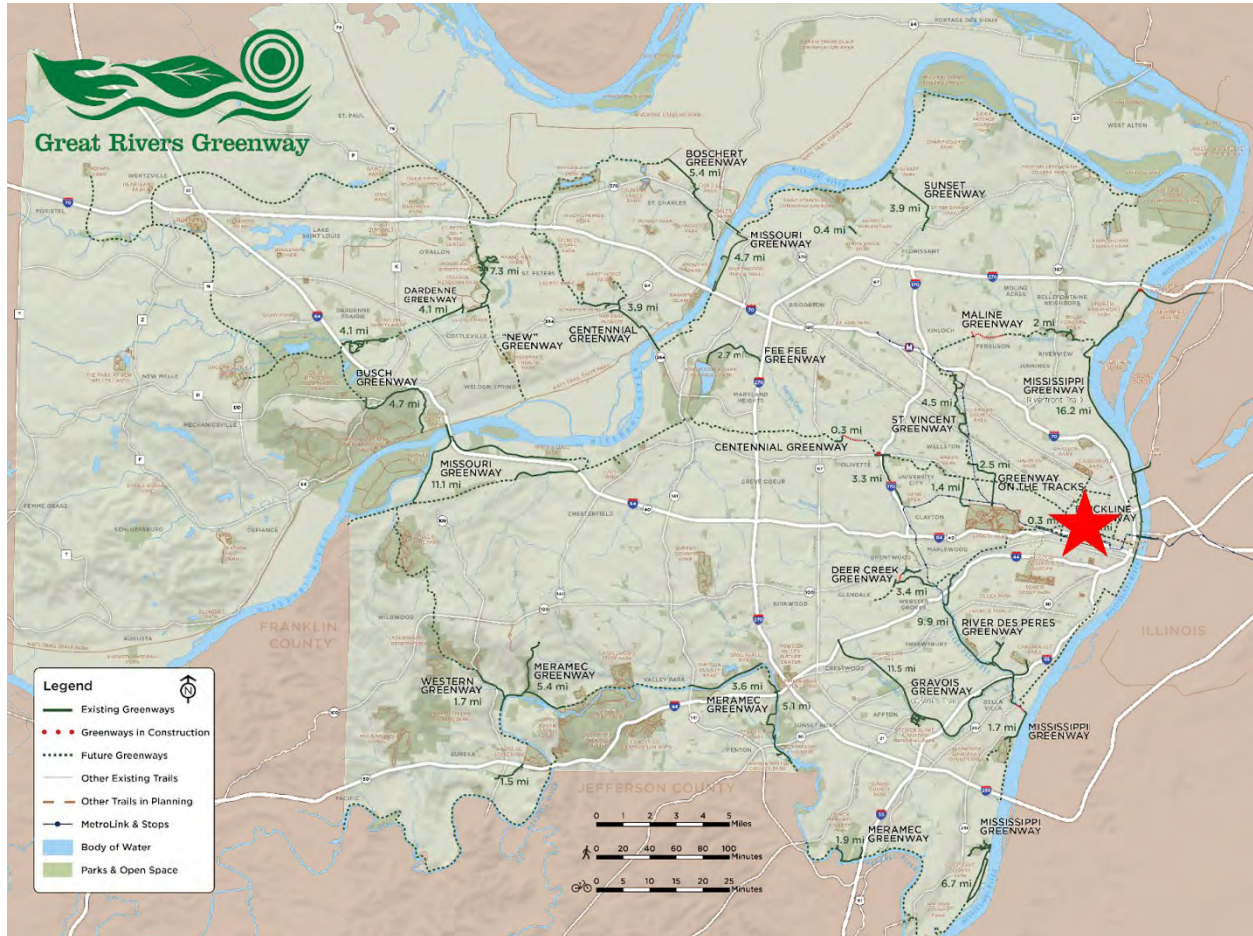
Absent:

Not Present:



## 9. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.122 approving a contract not to exceed \$175,000 with Cannonball, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway communications and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Emma Klues



### WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
308A	Brickline	All	City of St. Louis

### WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Emma Klues	Cannonball, Inc.	Contract for communications support

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
No	N/A	No	Yes, the firm is run by 2 principals/owners, 50% female

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
N/A	N/A

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFQ	Nov/Dec 2023	N/A	32

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
RFQ received 32 responses for marketing services, then conducted a secondary request for proposed personnel and fees for this type of contract from 3 firms, including Cannonball, Inc.

### WHAT:



ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract approval	\$175,000	\$175,000	N/A

#### OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

#### WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Brickline Greenway overall	N/A

#### WHY AND/OR HOW:

Starting in September 2019, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) staff began contracting with Cannonball, Inc. to have a staff member embedded into the team for communications for Brickline Greenway. To ensure that this project gets the focus and attention it deserves while also allowing Team Promote staff to serve all other projects in the region, staff recommends having Cannonball, Inc. continue to serve as the Communications Director for the project. The setup has gone very well, bringing extra capacity to both the project and GRG overall. The Brickline Greenway project has its own set of opportunities, challenges, stakeholders and even brand platform, requiring more communications work than most projects. Our project manager has been consistent this whole time, knows the project very well, attends weekly meetings and leads the day to day efforts with Emma's support. With Brickline Greenway continuing to grow in complexity and staff needs, having this consistent presence who can act as a Communications staff member has been very valuable to the team.

The scope of work includes 4 primary responsibilities:

1. Maintain an awareness and understanding of the project and process by participating in project meetings and communications (extension of staff team).
2. Serve as Communications Coordinator by setting and adjusting the strategy for overall communications:
  1. Lead on and make recommendations for all general regional communications including, but not limited to, website, email newsletter, social media, handouts, presentations and advertising.
  2. Support civic engagement work such as supplying messaging and/or graphics or materials to convey key concepts through handouts, web content, emails and presentations.
  3. Monitor for social media mentions and ensure brand and message consistency.
  4. Coordinate with partners, donors and other stakeholders as directed by staff in the above processes (i.e., getting buy-in or approvals for major announcements, etc.).
3. Coordinate with the design teams and others to ensure the brand is integrated throughout the design, coordinating on wayfinding and interpretive signage, programs and environmental graphics.
4. Coordinate with GRG Foundation staff and any key stakeholders to support overall development and fundraising program. This includes but is not limited to:
  1. Creation of, editing of or brand review of message platforms or case statements and all associated materials.
  2. Supporting meetings and events with direction of messaging, speeches, materials, invitations, etc.

GRG issued a new RFQ for Marketing in November 2023 and received 32 responses. After asking 3 of those firms to respond to a request for a relationship like this with an embedded consultant, Cannonball, Inc. was recommended to complete the scope of work. Their current and former clients are relevant to our goals, including the recent STLMade movement to boost St. Louis as a city and region both internally and externally. Cannonball, Inc. does work locally and nationally for brands like Enterprise, Budweiser, Saint Louis Art Museum, COCA, Bellefontaine Cemetery, Busch Gardens, the Pulitzer Arts Foundation and many more. They are 50% women-owned, but not a DBE or MBE firm. We do not currently have any planned projects for

them that include sub-consultants, those needs arise with any given project need.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.11	Approving a contract not to exceed \$125,000 with Cannonball, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway communications
2022.107	Approving a contract not to exceed \$125,000 with Cannonball, Inc. in connection with communications for Brickline Greenway
2022.06	Approving a contract not to exceed \$100,000 with Cannonball, Inc. in connection with communications for Brickline Greenway
2020.108	Approving a contract not to exceed \$100,000 with Cannonball, Inc. in connection with communications for Brickline Greenway
2020.12	Approving a contract not to exceed \$120,000 with Cannonball, Inc. in connection with communications for Brickline Greenway
2019.93	Approving a contract not to exceed \$120,000 with Cannonball, Inc. in connection with communications for Brickline Greenway

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000 WITH CANNONBALL, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH BRICKLINE GREENWAY COMMUNICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

**WHEREAS**, the Brickline is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Brickline Greenway”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by communicating about the project and the process (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget included line item 308A: - Brickline: Entire Network for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the District’s Procurement Policy, the District issued and advertised a Request for Qualifications for or in furtherance of the Project and received 32 responses;

**WHEREAS**, Cannonball, Inc. was found to be qualified and whose proposal is in conformance with the requirements of the District Act (the “Proposal”);

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the Proposal; (ii) negotiate and enter into a contract with Cannonball, Inc.; and (iii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on December 10, 2024, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to approve and accept the Proposal.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Cannonball, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for the Project.
3. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
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**ADOPTED** this 10th day of December, 2024.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

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Glenn Powers, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District, d/b/a Great Rivers Greenway, may go into closed session at this meeting if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum, to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters under RSMo. §610.021(1); leasing, purchase or sale of real estate under §610.021(2); personnel actions under §610.021(3); specifications for competitive bidding under §610.021(11); sealed bids under §610.021(12); personnel records under §610.021(13); or records under §610.021(14) which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law; or confidential or privileged communications with the District's auditor, including auditor work products under §610.021(17).

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## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Subject**

#### **A. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

to reconvene into open session

#### **B. ADJOURN**