



**Great Rivers Greenway**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**2025 JANUARY Board Meeting**

**Great Rivers Greenway District Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
District Office 3745 Foundry Way, Suite 253, St. Louis, MO 63110  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

**A. OPEN TIME**

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**B. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

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Topic: Great Rivers Greenway Board of Director's Meetings 2025

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## **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

## **D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MAY BE CORRECTED

Minutes

[View Minutes](#) for Dec 10, 2024 - 2024 DECEMBER Board Meeting

## **2. PRESENTATION (S)**

### **Subject**

#### **A. 2024 Recap Video**

## **3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. None submitted**

## **4. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUSAN TRAUTMAN**

### **A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

File Attachments (available on <https://go.boarddocs.com/mo/grg/Board.nsf/>. Sign in required)

[BOARD Calendar January 2025.pdf \(91 KB\)](#)

[2025 JANUARY CEO report Great Rivers Greenway.pdf \(2,224 KB\)](#)

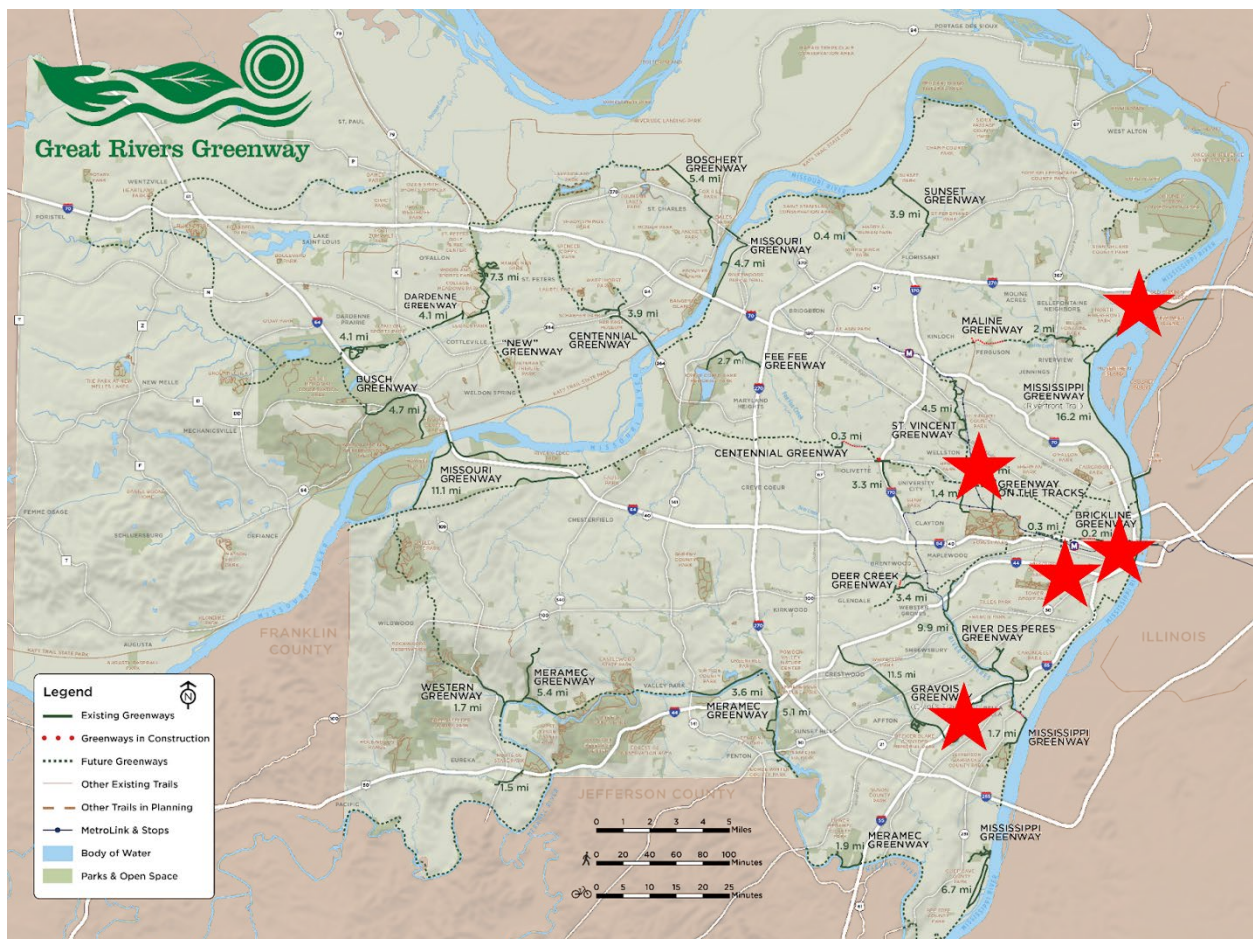
### **B. NOTICE OF CONTRACTS EXECUTED**

File Attachments (available on <https://go.boarddocs.com/mo/grg/Board.nsf/>. Sign in required)

[GRG Executed Contracts Notice Dec 2024.pdf \(42 KB\)](#)

## 5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS

**A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.01 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$75,000 with Utililtra LLC in connection with security cameras and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Ben Grossman**



### WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
732, 881	Regional	Regional	Regional

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Ben Grossman	Utilitra LLC	Service agreement for security cameras

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	Yes - 100% WBE	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:
RFP	October 2021	2025 is the last year of renewal from the original contract with three (3) optional renewals for a total of four (4) years.	

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

Original RFP was advertised in the fall of 2021 for a one (1) year contract starting in 2022 with three (3) options for renewal. Utilitra LLC was the only contractor to submit for this project. A request for proposals will be issued by GRG staff again in late summer/fall 2025 for the next term of service.

#### **WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of a contract renewal	\$75,000	\$75,000	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) owns and operates security cameras on the Mississippi, St. Vincent and Gravois Greenways at multiple locations including Kiener Plaza, Katherine Ward Burg Garden, Chain of Rocks Park, Mysun Charitable Trust Trailhead, the Riverfront Trail, Trojan Park and Ruth Porter Mall Park. Due to the complex nature of operating and maintaining a sophisticated security camera network and associated hardware and software license, GRG staff procured the services of a Utilitra LLC (Utilitra) for the 2022 calendar year. Their procurement was for a one-year contract with the option for up to three (3) renewals through the end of 2025.

The first several years the contract was in the range of \$35,000-\$40,000 for annual service; under the CEO's signing authority. This annual service included software license, diagnostic/troubleshooting issues, repair and replacement of hardware and additional unforeseen services to manage the network. In 2024, there was an uptick in unforeseen repair services as the network continues to age and the need for repairs increase. GRG staff believe this need will continue and are seeking to increase the contract value in 2025 for additional support as well as for additional site licenses for cameras added in 2024 at Chain of Rocks and Katherine Ward Burg Garden.

GRG staff request that Board authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with Utilitra for \$50,000 for annual service, software license and as-needed services. GRG staff also request an additional \$25,000 approval by the Board to address potential additional repair and replacement needs that may arise in 2025. Any repair or replacement that would bring the total of the services of Utilitra over \$75,000 would require further Board authorization and negotiation of a contract amendment.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 WITH UTILITRA LLC IN CONNECTION WITH SECURITY CAMERAS 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 greenway 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 operating and maintaining security cameras (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 2025 CAR 3/16 Capital Budget were approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 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 (732) and (881) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, under the District procurement policy and the Chief Executive Officer's signing authority, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Utilitra LLC for security camera service in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Utilitra LLC;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract renewal with Utilitra LLC 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 Utilitra LLC; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Utilitra LLC in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
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 14th day of January, 2025.

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

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

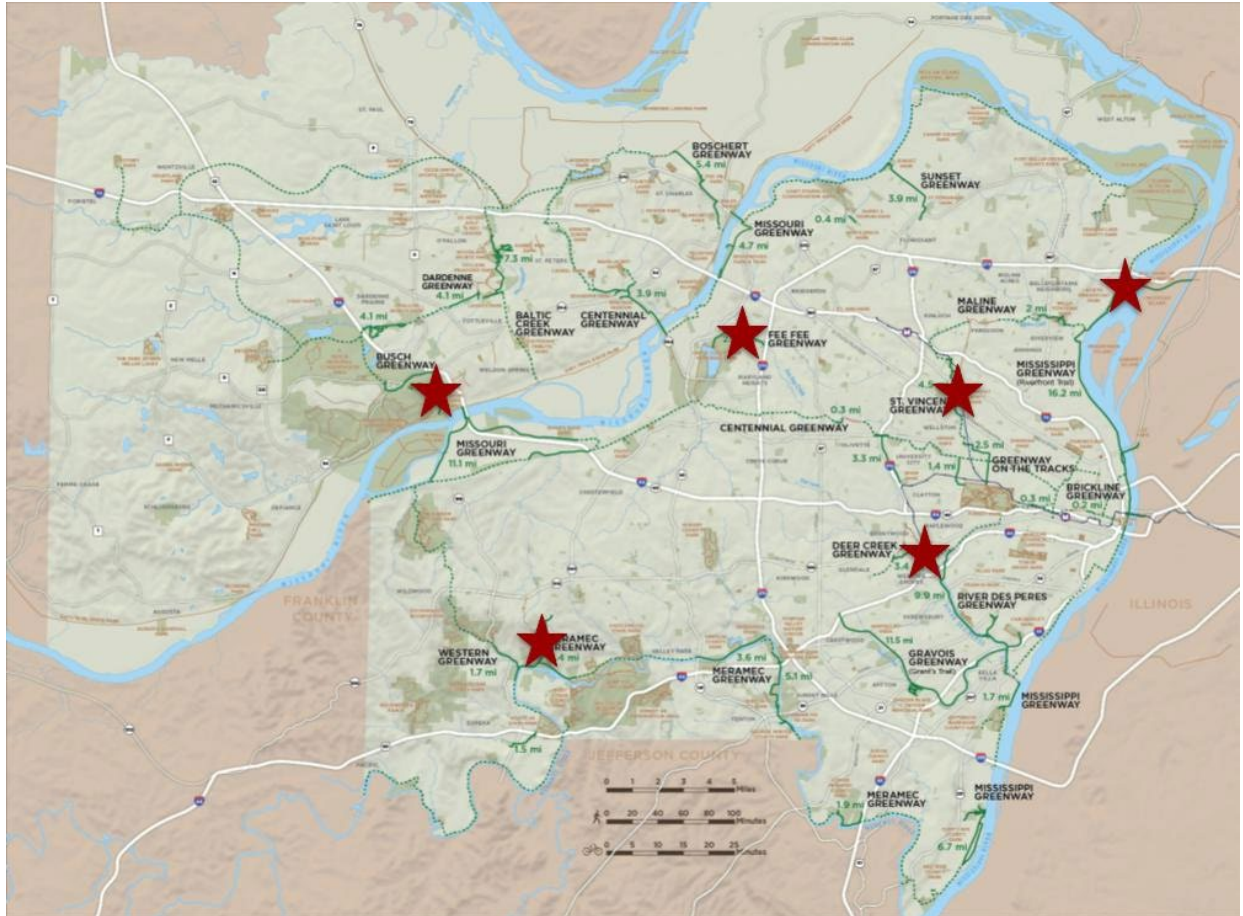
Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

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

**A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.02 approving a contract not to exceed \$112,000 with Missouri Botanical Garden in connection with the Outdoor Leadership Corps program and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Josh Ward**



### **WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
773B	Regional	Multiple	All

### **WHO:**

<b>STAFF</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)</b>	<b>TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT</b>
Josh Ward	Missouri Botanical Garden	Conservation Stewardship Partner Program

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

<b>PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS</b>	<b>DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?</b>
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:
Unique non-competitive opportunity - Conservation Partner Program	N/A	N/A	N/A

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
N/A

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Approval	\$112,000	\$112,000	N/A

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES
N/A

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Stewardship	Ongoing Conservation Stewardship

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

After a successful partnership in 2024, the District would like to continue our support for the Missouri Botanical Garden's Outdoor Leadership Corps (OLC) program. This program facilitates conservation stewardship projects, leadership trainings, hands-on skill building opportunities, and "green" career exploration through paid work experience along the greenways. We intend to host two (2) seasonal cohorts in 2025, one late January - April and another September - December. At the close of each season, participants will have gained the knowledge and skills to pursue entry-level, full-time employment in parks maintenance, conservation, and horticulture.

A crew of four (4) program participants and one (1) crew leader will assist in invasive species management, native planting, landscape bed maintenance, and greenway clean-up projects over approximately eighty (80) days of service in 2025. The crew will focus their efforts at selected service sites on the Mississippi, Fee Fee, Busch, Deer Creek, St. Vincent and Meramec Greenways in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County.

2025 will be our third full year partnering with Missouri Botanical Garden on the OLC program. In 2024, program participants served for 447 hours at nine (9) Great Rivers Greenway sites, managed 5.2 acres of invasive plants, planted 264 native plants and trees, collected 7.74 cubic yards of trash, and inventoried 196 trees along the greenways. Program participants attended training sessions hosted by Great Rivers Greenway, Missouri Botanical Garden, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, and the Missouri Department of Conservation. So far, one (1) individual was placed with St. Louis Parks, Recreation and Forestry, and another participant is applying for jobs in the conservation field. Three (3) of the 2024 participants will be returning to the program this Spring. Great Rivers Greenway staff were extremely pleased

with the outcome of last year's program. In 2025, we hope to build on that success.

District staff are requesting that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a contract with Missouri Botanical Garden for the OLC Program. The total anticipated cost of the OLC program in 2025 is \$112,000.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.107	Partnership agreement with Missouri Botanical Garden in connection with the Outdoor Leadership Corps conservation stewardship program

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$112,000 WITH MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN IN CONNECTION WITH OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP CORPS PROGRAM 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 Greenways are shown as regional greenways 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 supplementing the care of facilities maintained by the District and its partners (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 (773B) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a contract with Missouri Botanical Garden; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 with Missouri Botanical Garden in an amount not to exceed \$112,000 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

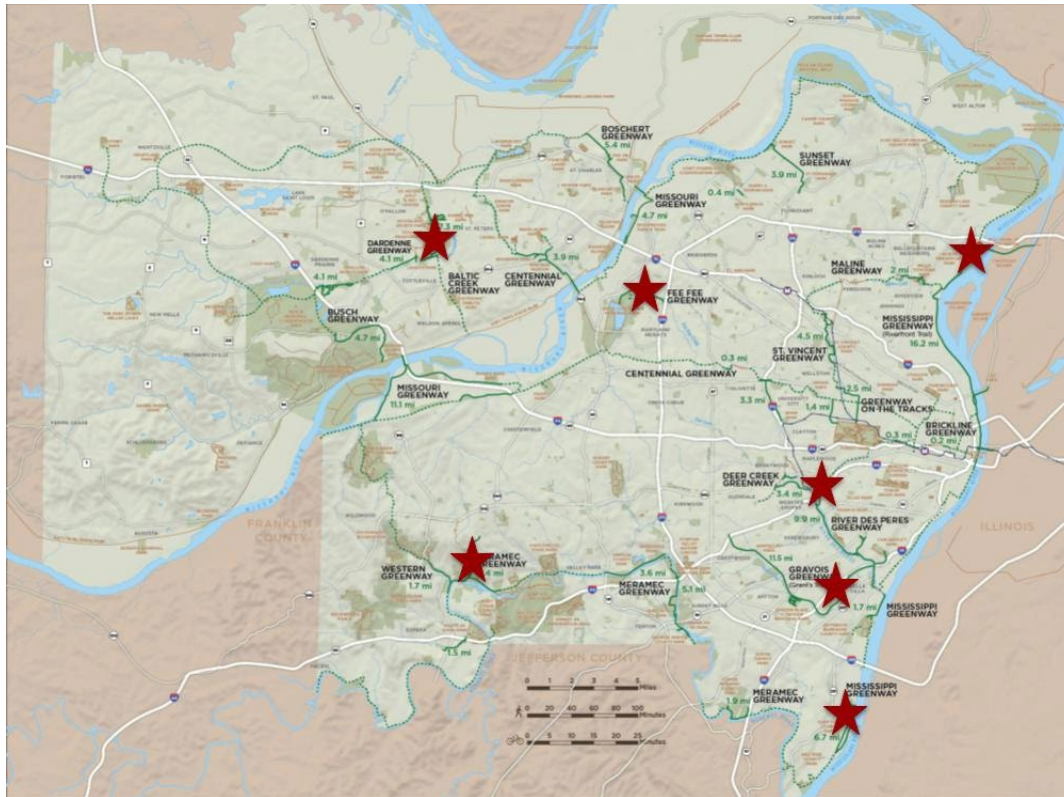
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.03 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$93,000 with Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis in connection with conservation and volunteer management services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Josh Ward**



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
776	Regional	Multiple	All

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Josh Ward	Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis	Conservation Stewardship

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

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

<b>PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER</b>	<b>PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:</b>	<b>IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?</b>	<b># OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:</b>
Public Bid	December 2023	Second of three year contract	2

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

In December 2023, the District advertised a public request for bids for conservation project and volunteer management services. The District received two (2) submittals. Hourly rates for services are listed below.

### Seasonal Conservation Project and Volunteer Management Services

Firm	Hourly rate for crew supervisor	Hourly rate for invasive plant species management	Hourly rate for volunteer management	Hourly rate for additional services
Native Landscape Solutions	\$65.00	\$45.00	\$70.00	\$45.00
AmeriCorps St. Louis	\$19.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

### **WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Approval	\$93,000	\$93,000	N/A

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

N/A

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Conservation Stewardship	Ongoing Conservation Stewardship

**WHY AND/OR HOW:**

In an effort to improve the Dardenne, Deer Creek, Gravois, Fee Fee, Meramec/Western, and Mississippi Greenways and enhance user experience, Great Rivers Greenway is seeking to supplement our conservation management activities with focused care on several priority restoration sites throughout the District.

In 2024, Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis (AmeriCorps) helped with conservation efforts along the Dardenne, River Des Peres, Busch, Meramec, and the Mississippi Greenways. AmeriCorps members help support Great Rivers Greenway Conservation and Operations staff by removing invasive bush honeysuckle, felling invasive callery pear trees, sealing cracks along the Busch Greenway, working in rain gardens, and more. In total, AmeriCorps members provided 393 service hours along the Greenways in 2024.

This resolution will enable Great Rivers Greenway to engage a five-member AmeriCorps crew for twenty seven (27) weeks of conservation-based work along greenways in 2025. AmeriCorps crews will focus primarily on removal of non-native invasive bush honeysuckle, callery pear, and other invasive plants at restoration sites along the Dardenne Greenway in St. Peters, along the Meramec Greenway in Wildwood, along the Fee Fee Greenway in Maryland Heights, and at Cliff Cave County Park and Chain of Rocks Park along the Mississippi Greenway. The crew may also be tasked with litter and

debris removal, graffiti removal, native plant installation, and other similar activities.

Staff requests that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with AmeriCorps for calendar year 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$93,000 for conservation project and volunteer management services. All work performed by AmeriCorps under the contract is performed on an as-needed, on-call basis as determined by the District.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.14	Partnership agreement with Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis in connection with conservation and volunteer management services

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$93,000 WITH PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH, INC. D/B/A AMERICORPS ST. LOUIS IN CONNECTION WITH CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AND VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT 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 Greenways are shown as 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 supplementing the care of facilities maintained by the District and its partners (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**, 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item (776) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2024.14, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis for conservation and volunteer management services in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract renewal with Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis in order to renew under the existing contract;



**WHEREAS**, the District desires to (i) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract renewal with Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis in an amount not to exceed \$93,000.
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 14th day of January, 2025.

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

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

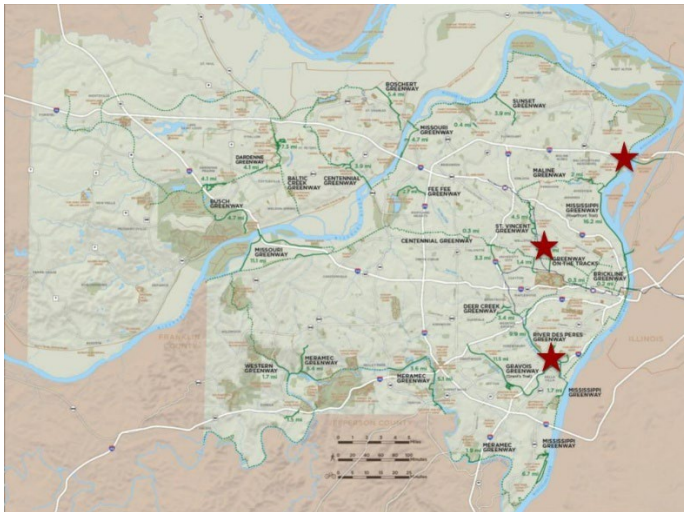
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.04 approving a contract not to exceed \$50,000 with Forest Releaf of Missouri in connection with volunteer tree planting and stewardship projects and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Josh Ward**



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
773	Regional	Multiple	St. Louis City

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Josh Ward	Forest Releaf of Missouri	Volunteer tree planting and stewardship

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	No

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:
Unique non-competitive opportunity - Conservation Partner Program	N/A	N/A	N/A

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
N/A

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Approval	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES
N/A

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Volunteer tree planting and stewardship	Ongoing tree planting and stewardship

**WHY AND/OR HOW:**

With planting projects each year from 2021-2024, the partnership between Forest Releaf of Missouri ("FRM") and the District has proven a successful model to connect community members to existing and emerging greenways by investing in new tree canopy. By engaging volunteers in tree planting and ongoing stewardship, Forest Releaf shows a commitment to the critical green infrastructure and provides pathways for the community to be part of the positive impact.

Over the past four (4) years, The District and FRM have planted 1,464 trees along and adjacent to the Mississippi, River des Peres, St. Vincent, Brickline and Hodiamont Greenways. FRM's Stewardship Crew has been committed to stewarding the trees planted through this partnership as well. Based on annual re-inventory assessments, the trees have had over 90% survival rate. Support from the District helps fund summer interns to work along FRM staff to water trees all summer. FRM offers additional workforce development and mentorship to the Outdoor Leadership Corps and other emerging professionals through mulching, pruning, and inspection opportunities on site.

Beyond establishing new canopy along and adjacent to the Greenways, the partnership focuses on connecting residents to the natural spaces in their communities. Every planting project and event exceeded volunteer expectations. The two (2) plantings in fall 2024 alone engaged 154 volunteers. Over the course of the past five (5) years, FRM has worked with the District to support additional public education events like tree walks along the Greenways, municipal parks staff training, and advanced volunteer training. This has led to a skilled cohort able to serve future Greenway canopy needs.

In 2025, FRM and the District have planned a suite of engagement opportunities that help connect people to Greenways and support resilient establishment of young trees. Planned activities for 2025 include two (2) volunteer supported tree planting events and two (2) stewardship projects. FRM will also provide Canopy Crew follow up stewardship and monitoring for trees planted along greenways in previous partnership years. Additionally, the District and FRM will co-sponsor three (3) workshops focused on training current and emerging green industry professionals.

District staff are requesting that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a contract with FRM to support volunteer tree planting and stewardship projects. The total anticipated cost of the Forest ReLeaf program in 2025 is \$50,000.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
N/A	

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 WITH FOREST RELEAF OF MISSOURI IN CONNECTION WITH VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING AND STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS 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 regional greenways 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 engaging communities in tree planting and stewardship (the "Project");

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

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item (773) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a contract with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 contact with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the Project.
6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

**ADOPTED** this 14th day of January, 2025.

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

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, President

ATTEST:



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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.05 approving a contract not to exceed \$65,000 with Jump Company in connection with 2025 Campaign and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Emma Klues**

**WHERE:**

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

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Emma Klues	Jump Company	New contract

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

<b>PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS</b>	<b>DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?</b>
N/A	No

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

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

We received 32 responses for marketing services in Fall 2023 and conducted 7 interviews with new firms, included 10 firms in pre-project brainstorm sessions, including Jump Company.

### **WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
New contract	\$65,000	\$335,000	N/A

## OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

N/A

### **WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Planning	Launching celebration throughout March - November 2025

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

Great Rivers Greenway has our big 25th anniversary of the vote of the people that created our agency in 2025. As such, we would like to have larger marketing efforts to comprehensively promote everything we are accomplishing this year. We've been evaluating vendors on our procured list

(procurement conducted Fall 2023) for a few months now, including two brainstorms with a variety of vendors. We are taking the following approach to include many voices and increased capacity.

The campaign will include both the normal events of the year, such as community celebrations like ribbon cuttings or groundbreakings, programs, etc., as well as anniversary-specific celebrations and promotions.

- The strategy thus far is focused on efforts during the spring to rally the organization's base and loyal fans and followers. Such efforts include photo frame stations on the greenways, a bingo game to get more involved, the celebration of Susan Trautman's retirement and welcoming of the new CEO, Greenway Goods merchandise collaborations with local artists, and more.
- The focus of the fall will be a larger civic celebration to attract regional and national attention for the impact over the last 25 years and looking ahead at what's to come. This will include a joint press conference with all three of our counties in Missouri and our two counties in Illinois, a large community meal, op-eds and whitepapers discussing impact from local leaders, and exhibits around town at partner locations to highlight the collaborative impact to date.

Regarding vendor support, several local companies will be involved to ensure we have sufficient time, talent and perspectives to cover this 8-9 month campaign. Staff will be working with three women-owned firms we've worked with in the past, being Cannonball, Inc. for project management, Common Ground Public Relations for public relations and O'Malley Hansen Communications for thought leadership. These contracts will be on the monthly report. GRG staff may also supplement the campaign with photographer or videographer vendors on our list for the campaign, which include a variety of minority and women-owned firms.

Staff will be working with four new firms, including Jump Company, to bring new voices to the team. ESP will consult on messaging and strategy, Catalyst Communications (woman-owned) will support public relations work, Obsidian Marketing (Black-owned) will support marketing and activations. All of these contracts will be on the monthly report. Jump Company (this action item) will cover the following scope items:

- Develop the brand and graphics for the overall campaign;
- Develop and collaborate to install any exhibits or other banners, construction fencing or other branded elements in the community; and
- Research, recommend, place, create, track and report on any paid media placements, such as print, TV, radio, digital, or social media advertising.

Jump Company has done a variety of work for corporations, nonprofits, higher education, parks and other public agencies since their founding in 2001. Their work examples, thought partnership, and reference checks are driving the staff recommendation for this contract.

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000 WITH JUMP COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2025 CAMPAIGN 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 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item 713 Marketing Professional Fees 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**, Jump Company 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 Jump Company; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Jump Company in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 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 14th day of January, 2025.

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

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

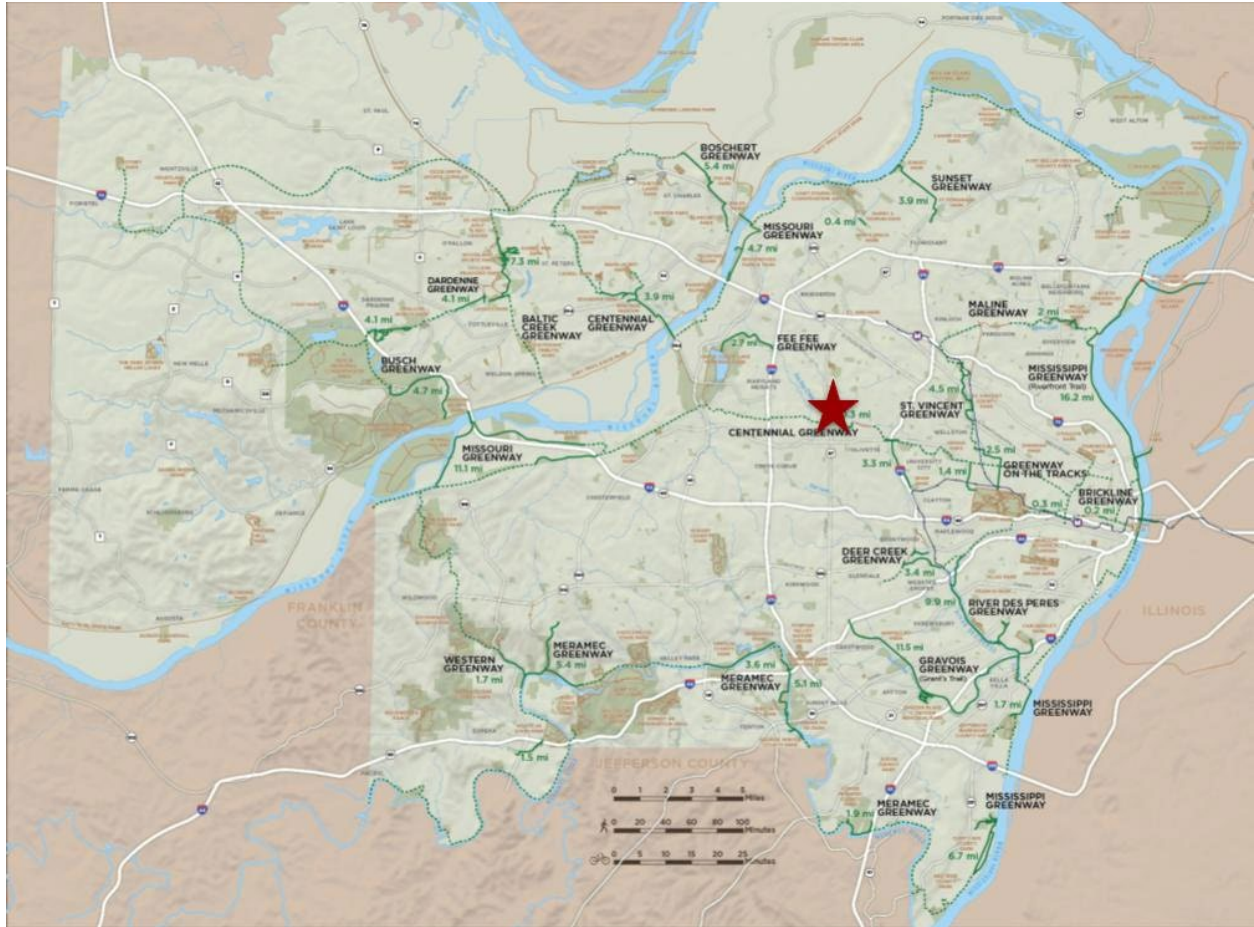
Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**E. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.06 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$3,000,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of Creve Coeur 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 (Bridge)	City of Creve Coeur - St. Louis County

## **WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Angelica Gutierrez	City of Creve Coeur	Cost Share Agreement

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

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

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

<b>PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)</b>
N/A

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Cost Share Agreement Approval	\$3,000,000 in 2028	N/A	N/A

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

N/A

**WHEN:**

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

**WHY AND/OR HOW:**

This Board action requests to authorize the CEO to enter into a Cost Share Agreement with the City of Creve Coeur (City) in order for the City to apply for federal transportation funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for the construction of the Centennial Greenway in the 39North District. Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) would support the City's application and provide \$3,000,000 as the local match.

In 2022, the GRG Board adopted the 39N Greenway master plan which identified a new greenway connection within the 39North District that would connect to the Centennial Greenway. In February 2023, the GRG Board authorized a contract with Reitz & Jens (R&J) to advance the conceptual

design of the Centennial Greenway to 30% in order to apply for federal funding (labeled as 599F & 599I in the first map below). In February 2024, the City working with GRG and R&J submitted a federal transportation grant for this segment with the GRG Board approving a local match of \$640,000 for construction of the greenway. The City's application was approved and the project is continuing through design with construction scheduled for 2027-2028.

To support the various greenway design efforts, the GRG Board approved a contract amendment with R&J for 30% design on the 39N Greenway which is labeled as 599H on the first map. In April 2024, the Board approved a contract amendment with R&J to achieve 100% design on the 599F segment which maintains the project's schedule in order to receive the federal transportation funds that the City applied and received. In December 2024, the GRG Board authorized a contract for R&J for 60% design for the 599I segment, subject to future budget appropriations.

**Project Areas:**

1. **39 North Greenway** = Segment connecting Stacy Park to the Centennial Greenway (599H)
2. **Centennial Greenway** = Segment connecting Warson Park with Schuetz Road
  1. - Warson to Baur Blvd (599F)
  2. - *Research to Schuetz Road (599I)*

The project team has identified multiple funding sources for each segment. This Board Action is for Centennial Greenway labeled as 599I, and is an opportunity to partner again with the City of Creve Coeur to construct the greenway from Research Blvd along Baur Blvd, crossing US-67 (Lindbergh) with a bicycle and pedestrian bridge to Schuetz Road at a cost of \$7,670,000. Over the past year, the project team has been coordinating with Missouri Department of Transportation, St. Louis County Department of Transportation, numerous property owners and other municipal and private stakeholders regarding how best to cross Highway 67. A variety of at-grade and bridge options have been discussed and the bicycle and pedestrian bridge is the preferred option to provide the safest crossing possible and eliminating the unfavorable grades and conditions for

an at-grade crossing at the intersection. The proposed bridge will eliminate a major road crossing ultimately linking Forest Park to Creve Coeur Park and the KATY Trail.

The City of Creve Coeur has agreed again to serve as the sponsor and applicant of the Centennial Greenway CMAQ application, with the understanding that GRG will be sponsoring the local match of \$3,000,000 towards a \$7,670,000 construction project. This is a similar partnership GRG and the City have currently for the segment of Centennial Greenway (599F) submitted in February 2024.

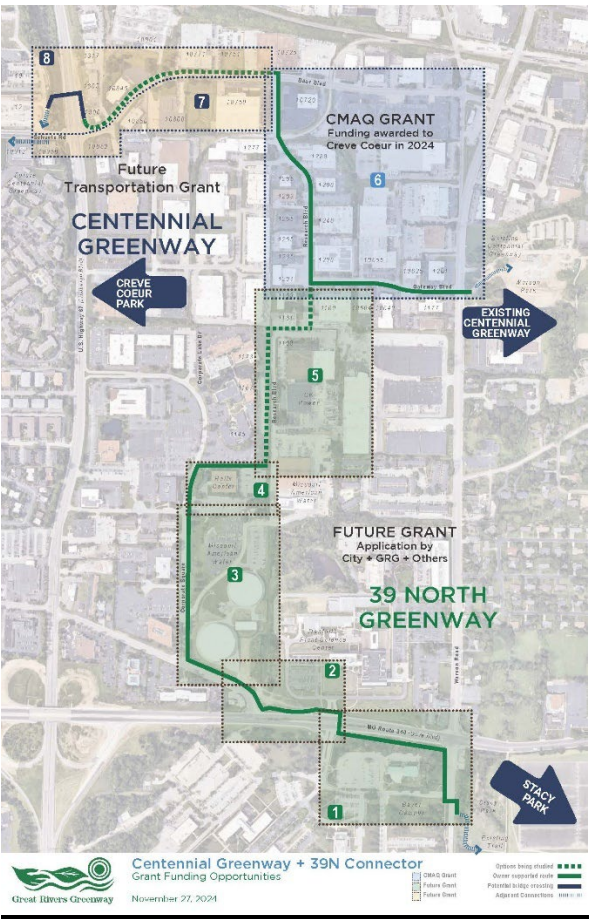
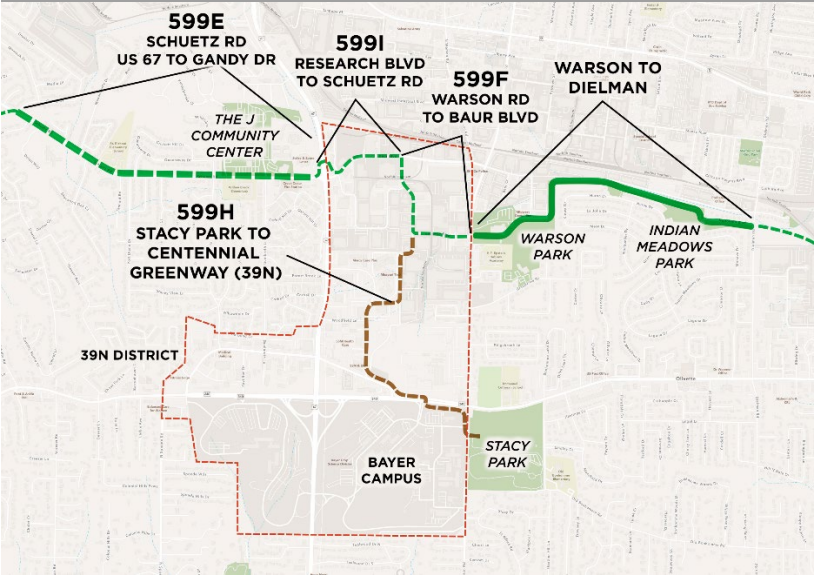
The East-West Gateway Council of Governments (East-West Gateway) requires applicants to submit a refundable deposit of one-half of one percent of the grant request value with the application. In this case, the City has committed to pay the application fee of \$23,350. The grant application is due to East-West Gateway on February 7, 2025. Notification of awards would occur in May with final approval in August, 2025.

If the grant is successful, the earliest the grant would be available for construction would be in October 2028. This timing follows GRG's current projected design timeline and would allow for the completion of engineering and bid documents in time to receive the grant for construction.

This Board Action includes authorizing GRG staff to execute a Cost Share Agreement between the City of Creve Coeur and GRG. The agreement contains the following:

- The City will serve as the sponsor and application of the \$4,670,000 CMAQ application (Grant application total is \$7,670,000 with GRG's match).
- The City will pay the application fee of \$23,350.
- GRG will be responsible for the matching costs for construction, not to exceed \$3,000,000, in 2028 & 2029.
- If the grant is awarded, the parties will amend the agreement to detail how the CMAQ funds will be distributed and well as outline operations and maintenance responsibilities.

This Board action also includes GRG submitting a letter of support to the City's CMAQ application and pledging the local match of \$3,000,000 to the City's CMAQ application.





**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.08	Approval of Grant Application and Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$640,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of Creve Coeur in connection with the Centennial Greenway
2023.28	Approval of a Professional Services Contract not to exceed \$631,000, subject to future appropriation, with Reitz & Jens in connection with the Centennial and 39 North Greenways
2023.17	Approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperation and Reimbursement Agreement not to exceed \$150,000 with the City of Creve Coeur, City of Olivette, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and Bayer Crop Science LP in connection with Centennial Greenway
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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COST SHARE  
AGREEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000,  
SUBJECT TO FUTURE  
APPROPRIATION, WITH THE CITY OF CREVE**

**COEUR 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**, 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 Centennial Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the "Centennial Greenway");

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by designing and constructing the Centennial Greenway within the City of Creve Coeur (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 599I for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the 2028 and 2029 GRG 1/10 Capital Budgets will include line item 599I for the Project, subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board");

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a Cost Share Agreement with the City of Creve Coeur; and (ii) support the City of Creve Coeur's Congestion and Air Quality Mitigation Program application for federal transportation funding for the Project and (iii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Board convened at 11:30 am, on January 14, 2025, 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 Cost Share Agreement with City of Creve Coeur in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, subject to future appropriation, 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**F. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.07 approving a Contract not to exceed \$300,000, subject to future appropriation, with Civil Design, Inc. in connection with Data and Asset Management Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mark Vogl**

**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
001	All	n/a	City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, St. Charles County

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Mark Vogl	Civil Design, Inc.	Professional Services 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	n/a

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
Civil Design, Inc. - 90% (WBE)  Econsult Solutions, Inc. - 10% (not DBE)	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 - Request for Qualifications	December 2024	No	7

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
Seven (7) "Statements of Qualifications" were submitted and reviewed by GRG staff. Three (3) firms were short-listed for interviews: Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc., TREKK Design Group, LLC and Civil Design, Inc. (CDI). Staff unanimously recommend CDI for the contract.

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Contract	\$300,000 (\$150,000 in 2025, \$150,000 subject to future appropriation in 2026)	\$150,892	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 approve a contract with Civil Design, Inc. (CDI) for Data and Asset Management Services for 2025-26.

#### **Background**

Since the completion of the Regional Plan update in 2016, GRG has made a substantial investment in its Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database and uses it to actively manage ongoing projects, track district-wide assets and establish future budgets for greenway expansion, operations and maintenance needs. CDI has been the primary consultant that has built GRG's database and integrated it with our project management systems, Sciforma ("Dora") and now InScope. These services have become a vital and integral part of GRG staff day-to-day activities and essential for efficiently managing resources, time and risk. Both the

Build and Sustain teams use the GIS database frequently and see the increasing need in GIS functionality in the coming years and the same information is utilized by the Promote team for internal and public maps and district-wide communications. CDI's current contract for these services expired on December 31, 2024.

### **Details on this Action**

In fall 2024, GRG began the process of procuring a consulting team to provide additional "data and asset management" services from 2025 to December 2028 and expand the proposed scope of work to incorporate additional functionality into the GIS system and provide GRG staff more tools to manage existing and planned greenway assets. In response to GRG issuing a Request for Qualifications, seven (7) firms submitted Statements of Qualifications for the twelve (12) scope of work items. Most of the submittals selectively identified various scope services that they were qualified to provide. Three (3) of the firms (CDI, TREKK and TWM) appeared qualified to provide all the services requested and were interviewed by GRG staff. CDI presented a detailed approach to all twelve (12) scope items and, in large part due to their successful delivery of similar services on past contracts, was concluded to be the most qualified consultant to continue under this procurement. CDI has consistently provided exceptional, added-value service to GRG with innovation, creativity and technical capacity.

CDI has proposed to address the highest priority scope of work items for the first two-year period of the contract (2025-26) and to conduct the following services:

### **For the GRG Build, Promote and Sustain Teams:**

1. GIS Administration and Support
2. Metrics and Outcomes (including usage metrics, enhanced capital funding analysis, standardized metrics across project types, greenway impact metrics and collaborate with other consultants should GRG chose to procure additional metrics analysis from another vendor)

3. Levels of Service (including greenway segment level of service for measuring user experience)

**For the GRG Build Team:**

4. Capital Improvement Plan/Budget Project Document (with a narrative and graphical report of various funding sources and utilization within the proposed CIP, tabular summaries of the progress and plan for capital investment)

5. Post-Construction Document Integration

6. Site Control Tracking (to aid in visualizing and tracking sites spatially and incorporate with GRG's Land Acquisition Checklist)

**For the GRG Promote Team**

7. Establish Notifications/Alerts Tools (for sharing information related to construction, closures, hazards and obstructions)

8. Incorporate Site and Betterment Projects on Public Maps

9. Enhance Outcomes Reporting

**For the GRG Sustain Team:**

10. Condition Assessments of Pavement and Other Priority Assets (incorporated into the future operations and capital replacement needs tools)

11. Capital Repair Equity Planning (by applying equity-based metrics)

12. Life-Cycle Cost Calculator (including clean-up of erroneous data and application of updated cost reference data)

For the four (4) year period of this procurement, the contract will be divided into two (2) year increments. This Board Action seeks approval of a \$300,000 contract with CDI with \$150,000 in 2025 and \$150,000 in 2026 (pending future appropriation). Staff will bring a contract for 2027 and 2028 services in late 2026.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2022.45	Adoption of the 2022 Regional Plan Update

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 WITH CIVIL DESIGN, INC., SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION, IN CONNECTION WITH DATA AND ASSET MANAGEMENT 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 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2024.107;



**WHEREAS**, the 2025 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item 001 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 seven (7) Statements of Qualifications and interviewed three (3) consulting firms;

**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 approve and 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 January 14, 2025, 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 \$300,000, subject to future appropriation 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 14th day of January, 2025.

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

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

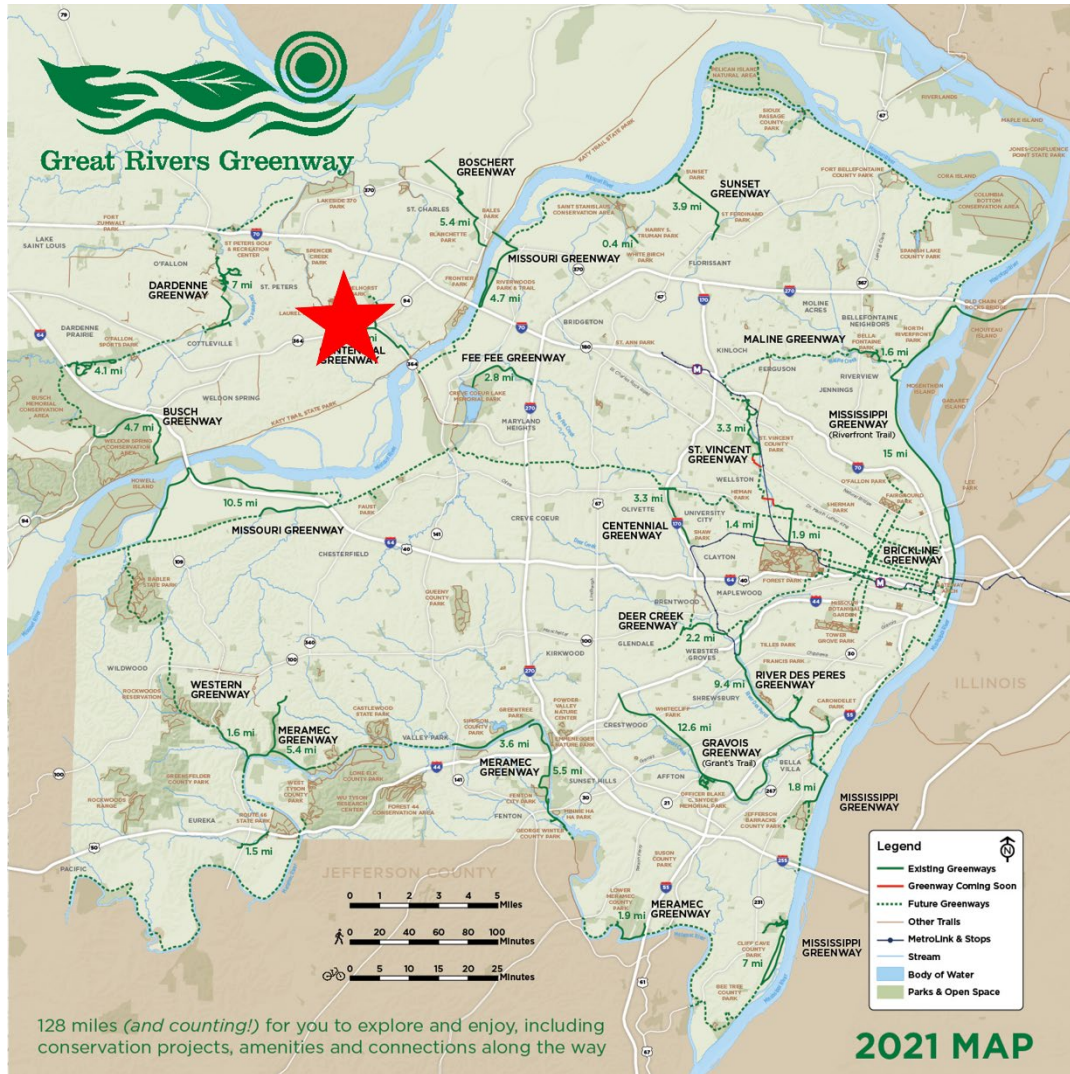
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**G. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.08 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$500,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of St. Peters in connection with Centennial Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mark Vogl**



## **WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
605B	Centennial	Spencer Creek: Boone Hills Drive to Mexico Road	St. Charles County

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Mark Vogl	City of St. Peters, Missouri	Cooperation (Cost-Share) Agreement

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	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:
n/a	n/a	n/a	

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
n/a

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Cost Share Agreement	\$500,000	\$540,079	n/a

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES
GRG's contribution will be 50% of the local match toward a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for the project.

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025, '26, '27, '28	Design	100% Design

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

This action requests to authorize a Cost Share Agreement with the City of St. Peters (City) and to support the City's application for federal transportation funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the construction of the Centennial Greenway along Spencer Creek. Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) would provide up to \$500,000 toward the grant's local match for design and construction of the project.

#### **Background**

The vision for Centennial Greenway is to complete 27-miles of trails between St. Charles County, St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis with major destinations at 370 Lakeside Park, Katy Trail State Park, Creve Coeur Park, Shaw Park and Forest Park.

In early 2021, GRG's Board of Directors adopted the St. Charles County Greenway Master Plan. During the master planning and engagement process, community members identified nine (9) project areas as the highest priorities for greenway development in the county. Among these, extending Centennial Greenway from the bridges over Highways 364/94 ranked as the top priority greenway project in the county. Approximately 1.8 miles of new trail opened in May 2023, following McClay Road, Hackmann Road and S. Old Highway 94 with a connection to Schaefer Park. GRG and the City of St. Peters envision the next addition to Centennial Greenway to be a 3.6-mile enhancement of the existing Spencer Creek Trail from McClay Road to Mexico Road and an eventual connection farther north to 370 Lakeside Park.

GRG is now partnering with the City of St. Peters to improve the City's existing Spencer Creek Trail between McClay Road and Mexico Road to

GRG's design standards and rebrand the trail as an extension of Centennial Greenway. Some portions of the trail are relatively new and only need minimal enhancements to meet GRG's greenway standards, while other portions are older and will require substantial improvements such as trail resurfacing, replacement of existing bridges and stream bank protection to protect the greenway investment. Since September 2023, GRG has contracted with EFK Moen, LLC (EFK Moen) on the planning and design of this portion of Centennial Greenway. Currently, EFK Moen is assisting with the TAP grant application.

### **Details on this Action**

This TAP grant would provide funding for GRG and the City to improve the existing Spencer Creek Trail and rebrand it as Centennial Greenway, from Boone Hills Drive to Mexico Road, a length of approximately 0.9 miles. This section of trail is adjacent to two high schools (Fort Zumwalt East and Lutheran High School), and many St. Peters public destinations (City Hall, Rec-Plex, Rec-Plex South, The Cove Waterpark, baseball fields, City Centre Playground, and Ollie's Fun Forest). These amenities make this future Centennial Greenway trail one of the most popular facilities in the City's trail network. Improved accessibility of the trail system will help promote use throughout this corridor and allow more residents of all abilities access to these popular destinations. The project will consist of the following improvements:

- Reconstruction of the existing trail surface, which varies in width and is in poor condition, with an ADA-compliant 14-foot wide paved trail that adheres to GRG's design standards.
- Replacement of two (2) 4-foot wide bridges that do not allow for two-way pedestrian, bicycle or wheelchair traffic and are not comfortable for most trail users due to the narrow width. Two (2) new 14-foot wide bridges will be added as part of the TAP grant.
- Modify trail alignment and grading to address low spots that regularly fill with debris and mud after rain events.
- Provide a trail connection to the adjacent "Ollie's Playground", public restrooms and parking lot. The existing 4-foot wide bridge will be left in place as a feature of the playground area and the new 14-foot bridge will be constructed on a new alignment to better connect the

trail with the parking lot. This new bridge will also allow the City Parks Department better access to the park on the west side of the creek without having to drive parks maintenance 4-wheelers along Mexico Road sidewalks.

The City will serve as the project sponsor and applicant of the Centennial Greenway TAP application, with the understanding that GRG will contribute up to \$500,000 toward the local match cost of the project, and provide a letter of support indicating GRG financial commitment to the project. The estimated cost share is as follows:

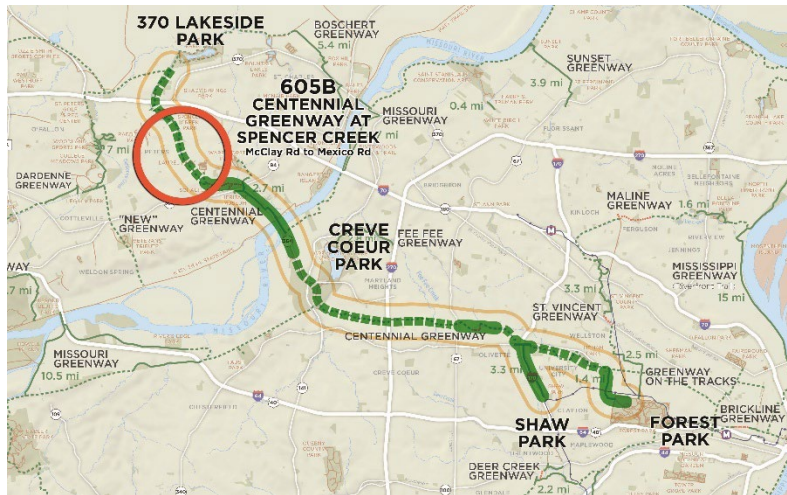
Federal TAP funds requested:	\$1,500,000
City of St. Peters contribution:	\$500,000
Great Rivers Greenway contribution:	\$500,000

<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
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East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) requires grant applicants to submit a refundable deposit of one-half of one percent of the grant request value with the application. GRG will provide the application fee of \$7,500 from the overall \$500,000 project commitment. TAP grant applications are due to EWG on February 7, 2025. Recommendation of awards are scheduled for May, followed by a public comment period in the summer and final EWG Board approval in August 2025.

If the TAP grant is awarded, design would commence in October of this year with construction beginning in January 2028.





**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2021.02	Approval of the St. Charles County Greenway Master Plan
2023.68	Approval of a Contract with Creative Entourage, LLC for Centennial Greenway
2023.69	Approval of a Contract with EFK Moen, LLC for Centennial Greenway
2024.85	Approval of a Contract Amendment with EFK Moen, LLC for Centennial Greenway

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COST SHARE AGREEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000, SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION, WITH THE CITY OF ST. PETERS 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 extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by designing and constructing the Centennial Greenway along Spencer Creek (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 605B for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a Cost Share Agreement with the City of St. Peters; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Cost Share Agreement with the City of St. Peters in an

amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the Project, 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Secretary



**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM**

**A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.09 approving a Contract Amendment not to exceed \$142,000 with Engineering Design Source, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway surveying services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Mark Vogl**



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
308Z	Brickline Greenway	Gateway Mall: Market Street, 20th to Gateway Arch	City of St. Louis

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Mark Vogl	Engineering Design Source, Inc. (EDSI)	Professional Services (Surveying) Agreement

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, MBE	n/a

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
n/a	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 from Prequalified Survey Vendors List	February 2024	n/a	5

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
5 firms interviewed (EDSI, ABNA, Pitzman's, CDI and TREKK) - GRG staff unanimously selected EDSI for this project.

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Amendment	\$142,000	\$2,156,354	n/a

## OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

Great Rivers Greenway Foundation

## **WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Planning	Design

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

This action is to approve a contract amendment for \$142,000 with Engineering Design Source, Inc. (EDSI) to provide additional survey services for Brickline Greenway, along the Gateway Mall between 20th Street and Gateway Arch National Park.

### **Background**

The Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) Board of Directors (Board) approved the Chouteau Greenway Framework Plan in December 2019. This project is designed to connect Forest Park, Gateway Arch National Park, Fairground Park, and Tower Grove Park with more than ten (10) miles of urban greenways through many neighborhoods in the heart of St. Louis. In 2020, the Board approved changing the name of the project to Brickline Greenway. With two (2) segments of Brickline Greenway now complete and open to the public, there are about a dozen other segments in various stages of planning, design and implementation. The next segment that is



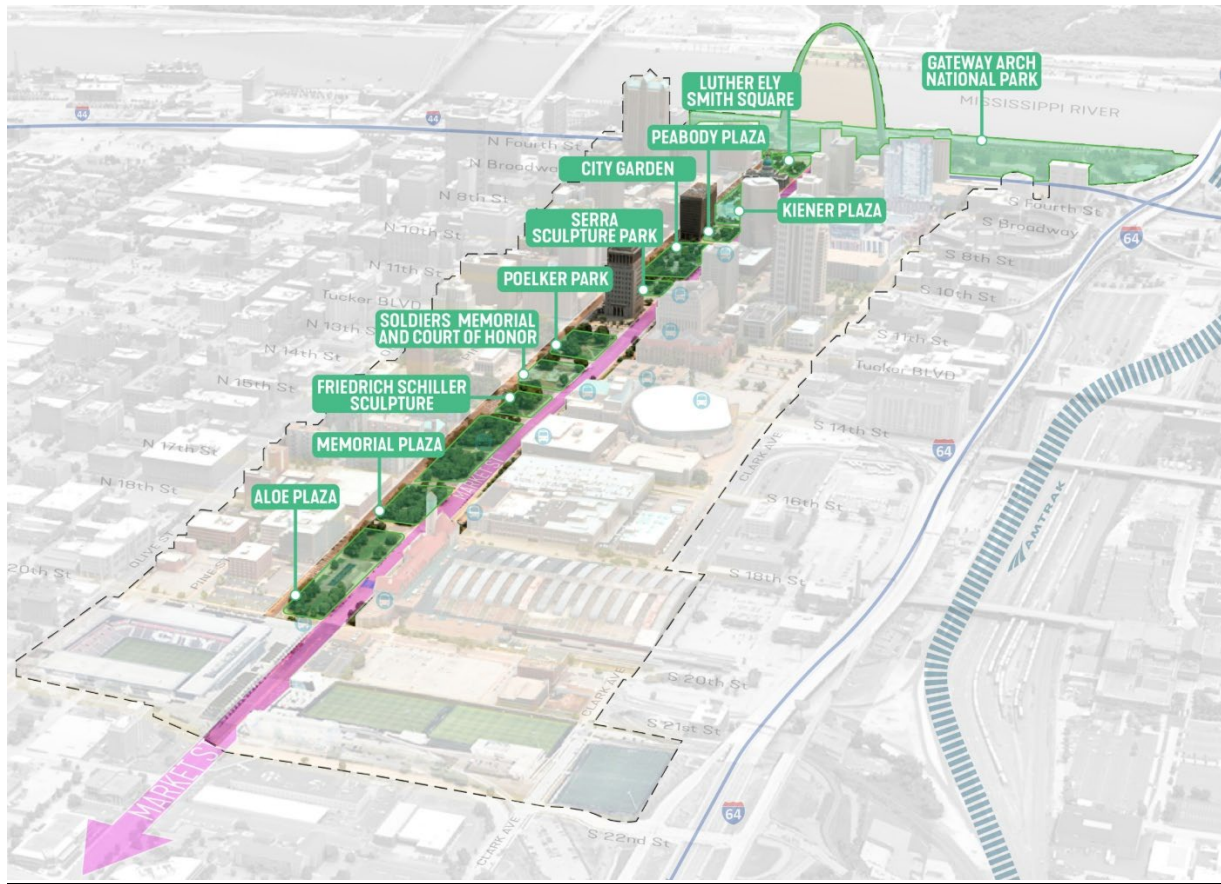
will soon move into the planning stage is in Downtown St. Louis between CityPark Stadium at 20th Street and Gateway Arch National Park at Memorial Drive, following the Gateway Mall. Before planning and design commenced in fall 2024, GRG advanced the survey for the corridor in order to provide needed information for the planning and design teams.

### **Details on this Action**

In February, 2024, GRG staff invited five (5) firms to interview for a variety of surveying projects that will be undertaken in 2024-2025. The first project to be awarded to a surveying firm was for the Brickline Greenway on Market Street between 20th Street and the Gateway Arch, including cross streets extending varying distances from Market Street. The contract was awarded to EDSI and received GRG board approval in March 2024 (Resolution 2024.29). Due to the large area needing survey work and uncertainty about how much of the Gateway Mall would be impacted by Brickline Greenway, the scope of work for the initial survey was limited but included boundaries, rights-of-way and utilities. This cost-effective approach enabled EDSI to prepare an accurate base map that would be the basis for early stage planning, with the intention that additional, more detailed information would be added later, when the design team could provide guidance as to the features and limits necessary to complete the project.

This action is to authorize EDSI to conduct the addition survey work now being requested by the design team and includes both two and three dimensional modeling of physical features within the Gateway Mall, topography and identification of principal surface materials such as walks, landscaping, curbs and roadway striping.

Following GRG Board approval of the contract amendment and a notice-to-proceed, EDSI estimates the additional survey information could be provided to the design team in two (2) deliverables, in February and March 2025, which coincides with the design team's overall project timeline.



## **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2019.95	Approval of the Chouteau Greenway Framework Plan
2020.26	Approval of Renaming Chouteau Greenway to "Brickline" Greenway
2023.83	Approval of Prequalified Professional Services Including Surveying (Prequalified Vendors List)
2024.29	Approval of a Contract for Surveying Services with Engineering Design Source, Inc.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$142,000 WITH ENGINEERING DESIGN  
SOURCE, INC. IN CONNECTION  
WITH BRICKLINE GREENWAY 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**, the Brickline Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the "Brickline Greenway");

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by conducting surveying services along the Gateway Mall from 20th Street to Gateway Arch National Park (the "Project");

**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 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 308Z for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2024.29, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Engineering Design Source, Inc. for surveying services in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Engineering Design Source, Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract amendment with Engineering Design Source, Inc. in order to amend the period of service, 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 Engineering Design Source, 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Engineering Design Source, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$142,000.
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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

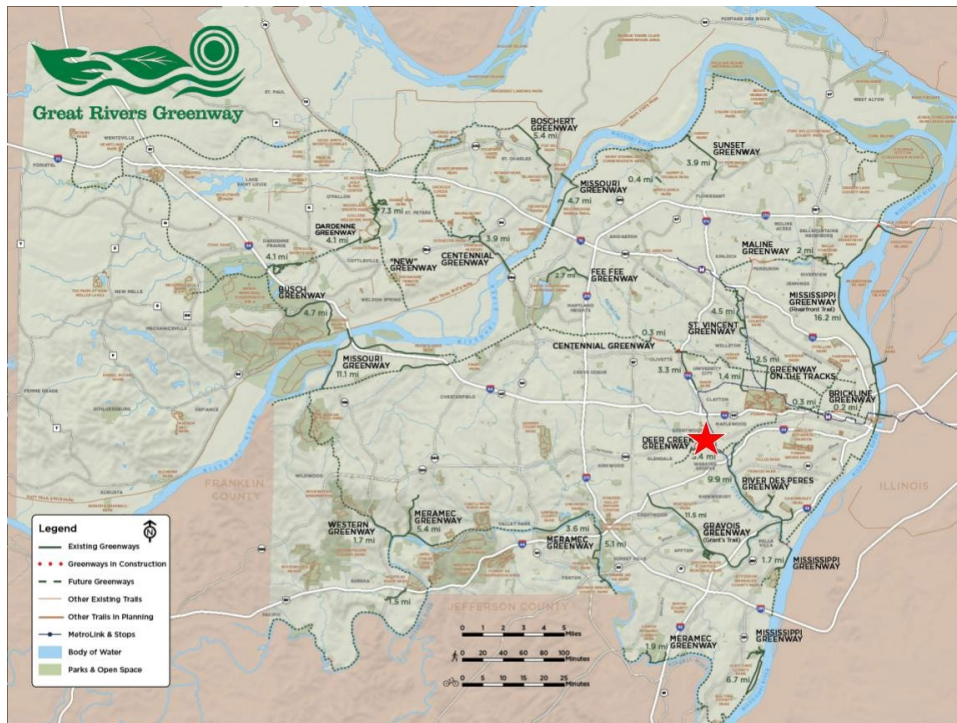
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.10 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$594,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of Maplewood in connection with Deer Creek Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Angelica Gutierrez**



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
196	Deer Creek	Big Bend Blvd to River des Peres Greenway	City of Maplewood - St. Louis County

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Angelica Gutierrez	City of Maplewood	Cost Share Agreement

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

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

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

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

N/A

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Cost Share Agreement Approval	\$594,000 in 2025 and 2026	\$2,400,000 in 2025	N/A

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

N/A

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Design	Bidding Phase

**WHY AND/OR HOW:**

This action requests to authorize the CEO to enter into a Cost Share Agreement with the City of Maplewood (City) in order for the City to receive the local share funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for the construction of the Deer Creek Greenway: Big Bend Boulevard to River des Peres Greenway.



In 2022, GRG and the City submitted an application to East-West Gateway Council of Governments ("EWG") for \$3,000,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality ("CMAQ") federal funds to be applied toward the construction of the greenway trail. Concurrently, the City applied for a Surface Transportation Program transportation grant (STP-S) to reconstruct Greenwood Boulevard. Greenwood Boulevard is one of the streets where the greenway will be built adjacent to the roadway but within the public Right-of-Way. Both applications were recommended for funding by EWG with an anticipated 2025 construction start date.

In 2023, GRG and City staff agreed and decided to combine the reconstruction of Greenwood Boulevard with the Deer Creek Greenway construction to take advantage of cost saving opportunities, limit disturbances to adjacent property owners and limit the work to be coordinated with Union Pacific Railroad. The combination of projects required a redistribution of local and federal funds for the work to be completed on Greenwood Blvd. That project is now receiving allocations from STP-S and CMAQ funds as shown in the table below. GRG will provide the City the 100% design plans for the construction of the greenway and the local share as noted below. These funds will be transferred to the City as construction progresses in a reimbursement basis. GRG is managing the greenway project on segments along Oxford, Sussex and Canterbury with only CMAQ funds (segments A & C on the below map).

In early 2024, GRG executed a CMAQ Program Agreement with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission (MHTC) after agreeing with the following:

- GRG - CMAQ grant amount on this agreement = **\$1,592,948** (Segment A and C from map below)
- CITY - CMAQ grant on the STP-S agreement = **\$1,407,052** (Segment B from map below)
- Total CMAQ grant **\$1,592,948 + \$1,407,052 = \$3,000,000**

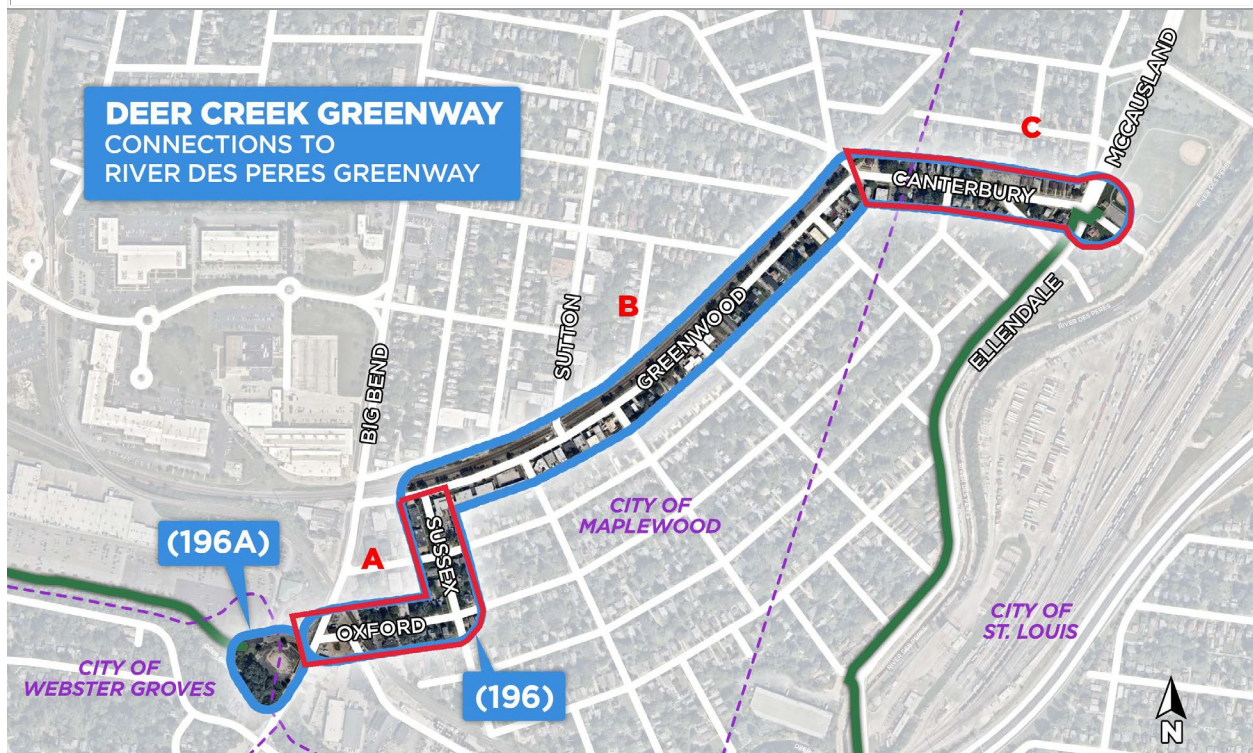
In April of 2024, the STP-S Supplemental Agreement between the City and MHTC was fully executed. This agreement includes the CMAQ portion of the

cost to construct the greenway along Greenwood Blvd as part of the federal reimbursements to the City in the amount of \$536,711 = \$540,000.

(13) ADDITION: APPENDIX A – PROJECT BUDGET is hereby added and shall state as follows:

Activity	FY	Total Cost	CMAQ Funds requested	STP Funds requested	GRG share	Maplewood share	Sponsor Share %
PE Planning / Environmental Studies	2023						
Right-of-Way	2024						
Construction Engineering	2025						
Construction / Implementation - CMAQ (Greenway Cost)	2025	\$1,943,763	\$1,407,052	\$0.00	\$536,711	\$0.00	27.61%
Construction / Implementation - STP (Roadway Cost)	2025	\$1,750,000	\$0	\$1,400,000	\$0.00	\$350,000	20.00%
Construction / Implementation - Total for Greenwood Segment	2025	\$3,693,763		\$2,807,052	\$886,711		24.41%

This Board Action includes authorizing GRG staff to execute a Cost Share Agreement between the City and GRG for an amount of \$594,000, which includes a 10% contingency (\$54,000) to cover any unforeseen conditions or additional expenses during construction. Construction is anticipated to start in 2025 for all segments.



**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.79c	Approving temporary construction easements not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$9,103.75 to purchase easements located at 3600, 3604 S. Big Bend Blvd, 3714 Big Bend Industrial, 3730, 3728, 3724, 3718, 3710, 3704, 3639 Oxford Blvd and 7411 Sussex Avenue
2024.09	Approving acceptance of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program agreement for at least \$1,592,948 with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission in connection with Deer Creek Greenway
2023.72	Approving a Reimbursement Agreement of at least \$30,000 with St. Louis County in Connection with the Deer Creek Greenway
2023.71	Approving a Reimbursement Agreement of at least \$113,000 with the City of St. Louis in Connection with the Deer Creek Greenway
2022.106	Approving a Contract Amendment not to exceed \$558,692 with M3 Engineering in Connection with the Deer Creek Greenway
2022.42	Approving a Contract not to exceed \$170,937 with M3 Engineering in Connection with the Deer Creek Greenway
2022.09	Approval to apply to the East West Gateway Council of Governments for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant program in Connection with the Deer Creek Greenway
2020.42	Contract with Burns and McDonnell for Deer Creek to River des Peres 30% Design

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2018.70	Contract with Burns and McDonnell for Deer Creek to River des Peres Preliminary Design - Intersection Safety Study
2016.80	Contract with Burns and McDonnell for Deer Creek to River des Peres Preliminary Design
2016.16	Grant Application CMAQ for the Deer Creek Greenway: Deer Creek Center to Francis Slay Park
2015.15	Grant Application STP-S for the Deer Creek Greenway
2014.45	Contract with Burns and McDonnell for Deer Creek to River des Peres
2023.106	Contract with Burns and McDonnell for Deer Creek to River des Peres - Alignment Study
2012.84	Contract with Burns & McDonnell for preliminary design of Deer Creek Center Trail to River des Peres on Deer Creek Greenway
2008.55	Contract with Burns & McDonnell for Deer Creek Corridor Study

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COST SHARE AGREEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$594,000, subject to future appropriation, WITH THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD IN CONNECTION WITH DEER CREEK 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 Deer Creek Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the "Deer Creek Greenway");

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by designing and construction the Deer Creek Greenway in the City of Maplewood (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 #196 Deer Creek: Big Bend & Oxford to River des Peres for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget will include line item #196 Deer Creek: Big Bend & Oxford to River des Peres for the Project, subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board");

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a Cost Share Agreement with the City of

Maplewood; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Cost Share Agreement with the City of Maplewood in an amount not to exceed \$594,000, subject to future appropriation, 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:



**C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.11 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$150,000 with Lochmueller Group, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Lonny Boring**



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
308A	Brickline	Entire Network	St. Louis City



**WHO:**

<b>STAFF</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)</b>	<b>TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT</b>
Lonny Boring	Lochmueller Group, Inc.	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related services

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

<b>PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS</b>	<b>DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?</b>
DG2 Studio (WBE) 5.5%  Juniper Environmental (WBE) 15.5%	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 List	April 2021	N/A	Three (3)

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

Lochmueller Group, Burns & McDonnell and Horner & Shifrin

#### **WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Amendment	\$150,000	\$1,478,318	N/A

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

N/A

#### **WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Design	Bidding

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

This action requests authorization to extend the period of service and compensation for Lochmueller Group, Inc. not to exceed \$150,000 for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related services across all Brickline Greenway projects (308A). NEPA services are necessary to comply with federal funding grant requirements.

Great Rivers Greenway (GRG)'s Board of Directors approved the Brickline Greenway Framework Plan in December 2019. Brickline Greenway projects utilize a combination of local, private and federal funding. As a result of utilizing federal funding sources, appropriate permits and compliance with NEPA are required. NEPA is a compliance and decision-making tool used by Federal Highway Administration for their discretionary grants and the Missouri Department of Transportation Local Public Agency (LPA) programs for their federal funding requirements. NEPA includes multiple federal agencies and includes environmental, hazardous waste, threatened and endangered species, cultural and historic resources, and community impacts among others. NEPA clearances must be achieved prior to receiving federal funding. In addition, early NEPA coordination demonstrates to grant funders GRG's understanding of the complex rules that govern NEPA and enhance federal grant applications.

Per GRG's procurement policy and pursuant to Resolution 2021.40, Lochmueller Group, Inc. was contracted to provide NEPA services. Specific tasks in the scope of work include the following:

- Project Management and Client Coordination
- Data Collection, Evaluation and Reports
- NEPA Grant Support

- NEPA Oversight of Project Designs
- Permitting and Mitigation Planning

As with the original 2021 contract, services will be provided across the entire Brickline Greenway and areas of focus will vary over time. This phase of NEPA services is expected to last through fall 2025. Additional contract amendments are expected as the Brickline Greenway project areas advance through design.

The Lochmueller Group, Inc. has partnered with DG2 Design, LLC and Juniper Environmental, LLC (both WBE firms) on this scope for a total of 21% of the current contract value. DG2 Design, LLC and Juniper Environmental, LLC will provide archeological, cultural and environmental support as well as coordination during NEPA pre-consultation and formal consultation services.

The 2025 Capital Budget for the (308A) Brickline projects included \$1.4 million. The Lochmueller Group, Inc.'s scope and fee of \$150,000 will be funded from the (308A) line item. GRG staff recommends approval of this contract amendment with Lochmueller Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

#### **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2023.110	Contract amendment with Lochmueller Group, Inc. for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) professional services (2024).
2022.104	Contract amendment with Lochmueller Group, Inc. for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) professional services (2023).
2021.40	Contract with Lochmueller Group, Inc. for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) professional services (2022).

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$150,000 WITH LOCHMUELLER GROUP,  
INC. IN CONNECTION WITH BRICKLINE  
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");

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**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 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) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2021.40, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Lochmueller Group, Inc for National Environmental Policy Act and related services in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Lochmueller Group, Inc;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to enter into a contract amendment with Lochmueller Group, 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 amendment with Lochmueller Group, 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Lochmueller Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.
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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

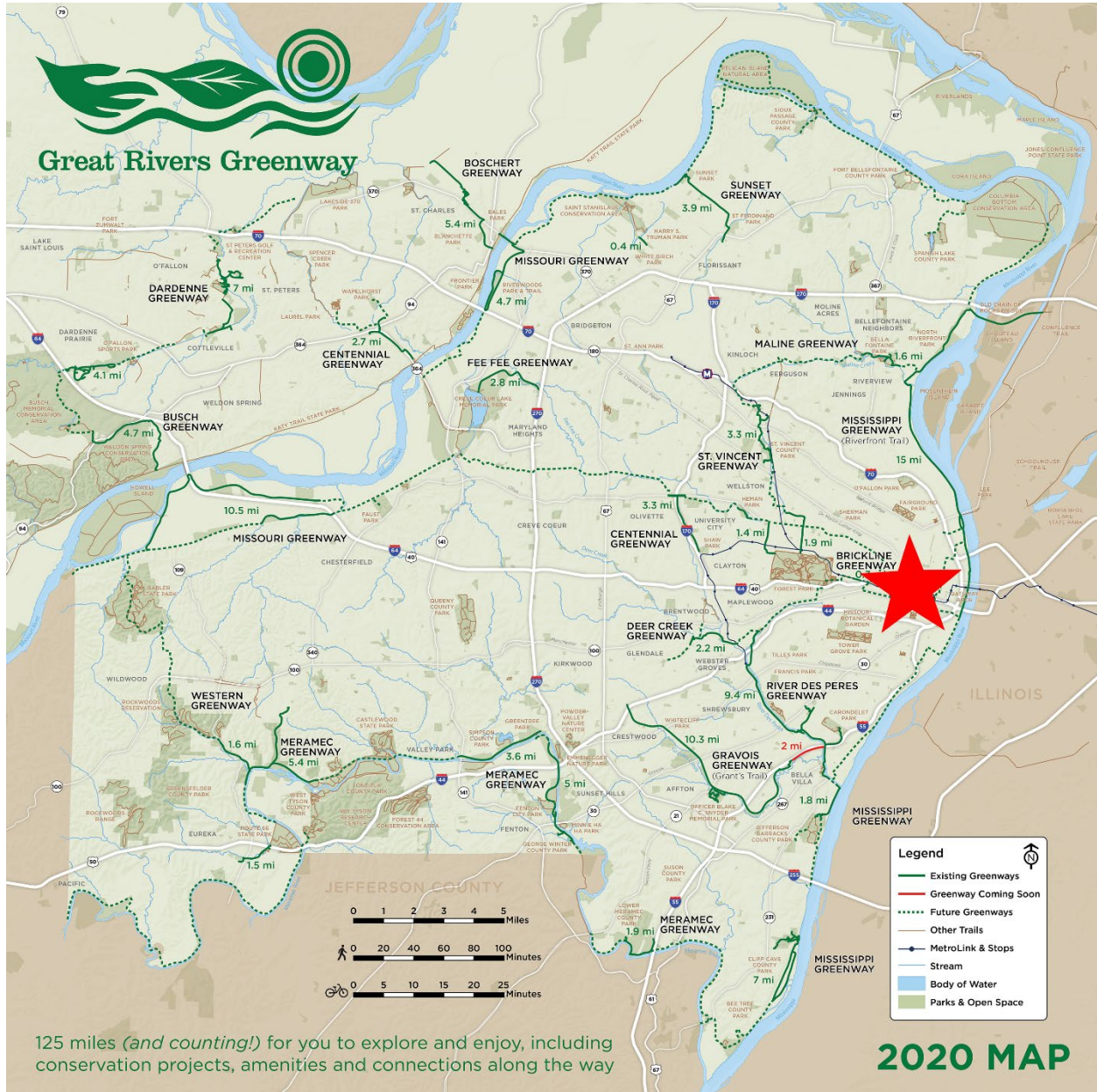
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.12 approving a license agreement with Saint Louis University in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Lonny Boring**



## **WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
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308A	Brickline	Saint Louis University campus	City of St. Louis
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**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Lonny Boring	N/A	License Agreement

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	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:
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

N/A

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
License Agreement	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

N/A

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Planning	Design

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

This action requests authorization to negotiate and execute a license agreement with Saint Louis University for the Brickline Greenway within the St. Louis University campus.

Great Rivers Greenway (GRG)'s Board of Directors approved the Brickline Greenway Framework Plan in December 2019. The license agreement between GRG and Saint Louis University will govern the design, construction and maintenance of the Brickline Greenway through the campus boundaries. Brickline Greenway projects north of campus (308S) and south of campus (308K) are advancing in design. The Brickline Greenway alignment through the Saint Louis University campus will connect these projects and generally follow the former Spring Avenue corridor which is a distance of two (2) blocks.

GRG will be responsible for the design and construction of any Brickline Greenway improvements. and Saint Louis University will approve any planned Brickline Greenway improvements and operate and maintain the greenway as part of their campus amenities.



## **RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2019.95	Approving the Brickline Greenway Framework Plan

### **RESOLUTION                      APPROVING                      A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH      SAINT      LOUIS UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTION WITH BRICKLINE 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 Brickline Greenway 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 designing, permitting and constructing the Brickline Greenway (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) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a license agreement with Saint Louis University; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 license agreement with Saint Louis University 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

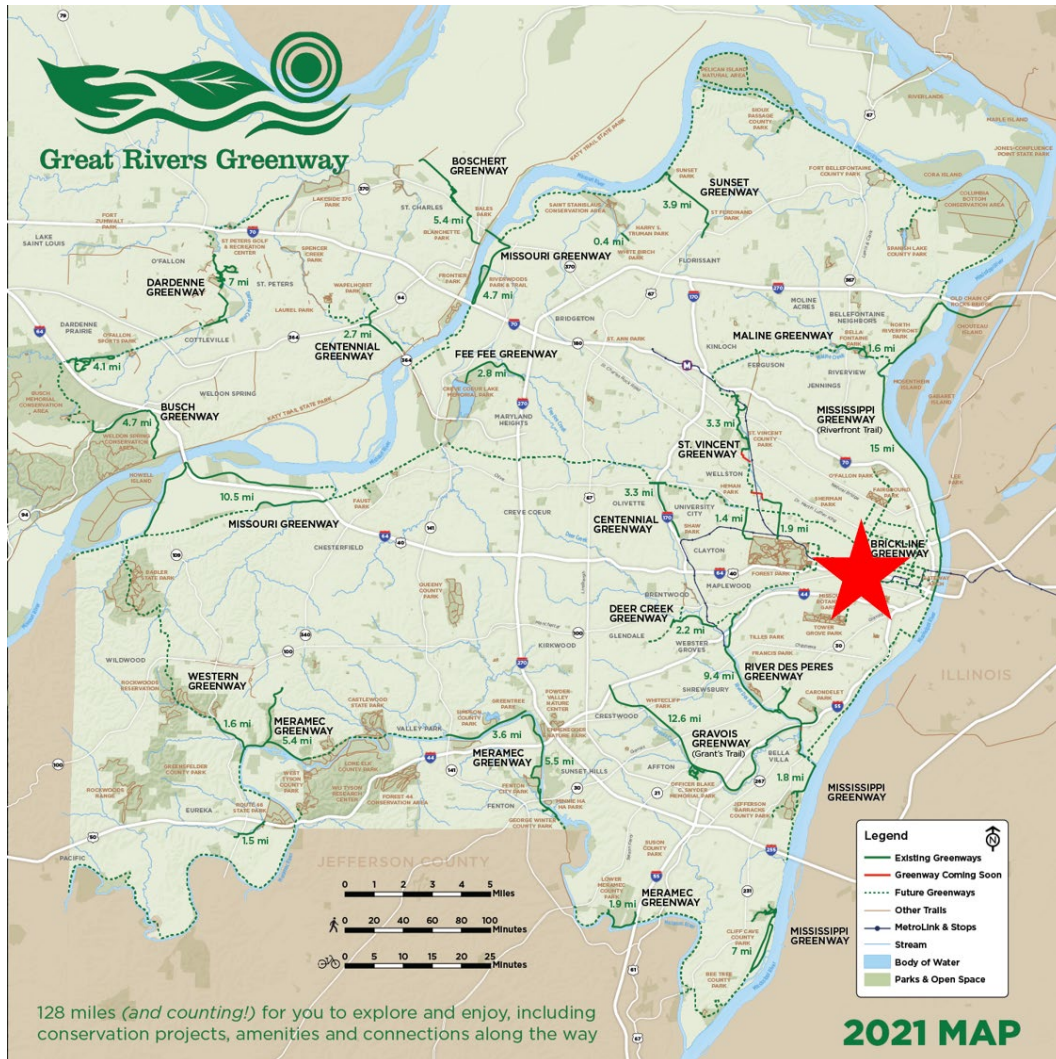
Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:



**E. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.13 approving a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant application to the East West Gateway Council of Governments in connection with Brickline Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Lonny Boring**



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
308K	Brickline	Midtown I64 Crossing	City of St. Louis

**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Lonny Boring	East West Gateway Council of Governments	Federal Transportation Grant Application

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:



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

N/A

### **WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Grant Application	\$7,500	\$760,000	N/A

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

N/A

### **WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Design	Bidding

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

This action requests to authorize an application for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) federal funds for the construction of the Brickline Greenway between the Laclede Avenue and Forest Park Avenue to

complement the Midtown I-64 Crossing project (308K). The TAP project would re-construct two (2) blocks of sidewalk and intersection crossings on the opposite side of Spring Avenue from the Brickline Greenway improvements. The effort to extend the Brickline Greenway from Saint Louis University to the Grand MetroLink Station has been underway since 2021 and the project area was awarded \$9.9 million in federal discretionary funding through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot grant.

The East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) has released the Federal Transportation Grant Application for TAP. The TAP is a federal-aid transportation program, administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which provides funding used by states and localities for alternative transportation improvement projects. It is a highly competitive grant but provides an opportunity to leverage GRG funds with federal transportation funds. The maximum federal award is \$2.5 million. Projects that are selected by EWG would be eligible for construction activities starting in FHWA fiscal year 2028-2029. However, funds may be made available earlier if GRG completes required project design and permitting. Fifteen (15) million dollars of TAP funding is available this round which is a substantial decrease from previous TAP rounds.

GRG staff requests Board approval to apply for funding under the TAP grant program for the two (2) blocks of Spring Avenue. The EWG requires applicants to submit a refundable deposit of one-half of one percent of the grant value with the application. In this case, GRG staff request up to \$7,500 toward the application fee of a maximum \$1.5 million grant value. If successful, the earliest the grant would be available for construction would be for Missouri Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2028, which begins in October 2027. This timing follows slightly behind the project schedule, and GRG would seek acceleration of funds if awarded. The grant application is due February 7, 2025. The EWG's current schedule is to recommend projects for funding in May 2025 with final EWG Board approval in August 2025.

The total project construction cost of Spring Avenue between the Laclede Avenue and Forest Park Avenue to compliment the Midtown I-64 Crossing project is estimated to be \$2,500,000. If the application is successful, GRG would be responsible for the remainder of the project costs not supplied by the Grant funds. The local matching funds will need to be allocated in GRG's

future budgets to ensure GRG meets its local matching requirements under the TAP Grant. Private sources of funding can be applied to the local match as well.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.101	Approving a grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation
2023.73	Authorizing an application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSPORTATION  
ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT  
APPLICATION TO THE EAST WEST GATEWAY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION  
WITH BRICKLINE GREENWAY AND A PLEDGE  
OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, SUBJECT TO  
FUTURE APPROPRIATION, 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 Greenway 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 designing, permitting and constructing the Brickline Greenway (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 (308K) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the 2026, 2027 and 2028 GRG 3/16 Capital Budgets will include line item (308K) for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) submit a TAP application, including the application fee, to East West Gateway Council of Governments; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 submit a TAP application, including the application fee, to the East West Gateway Council of Governments 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

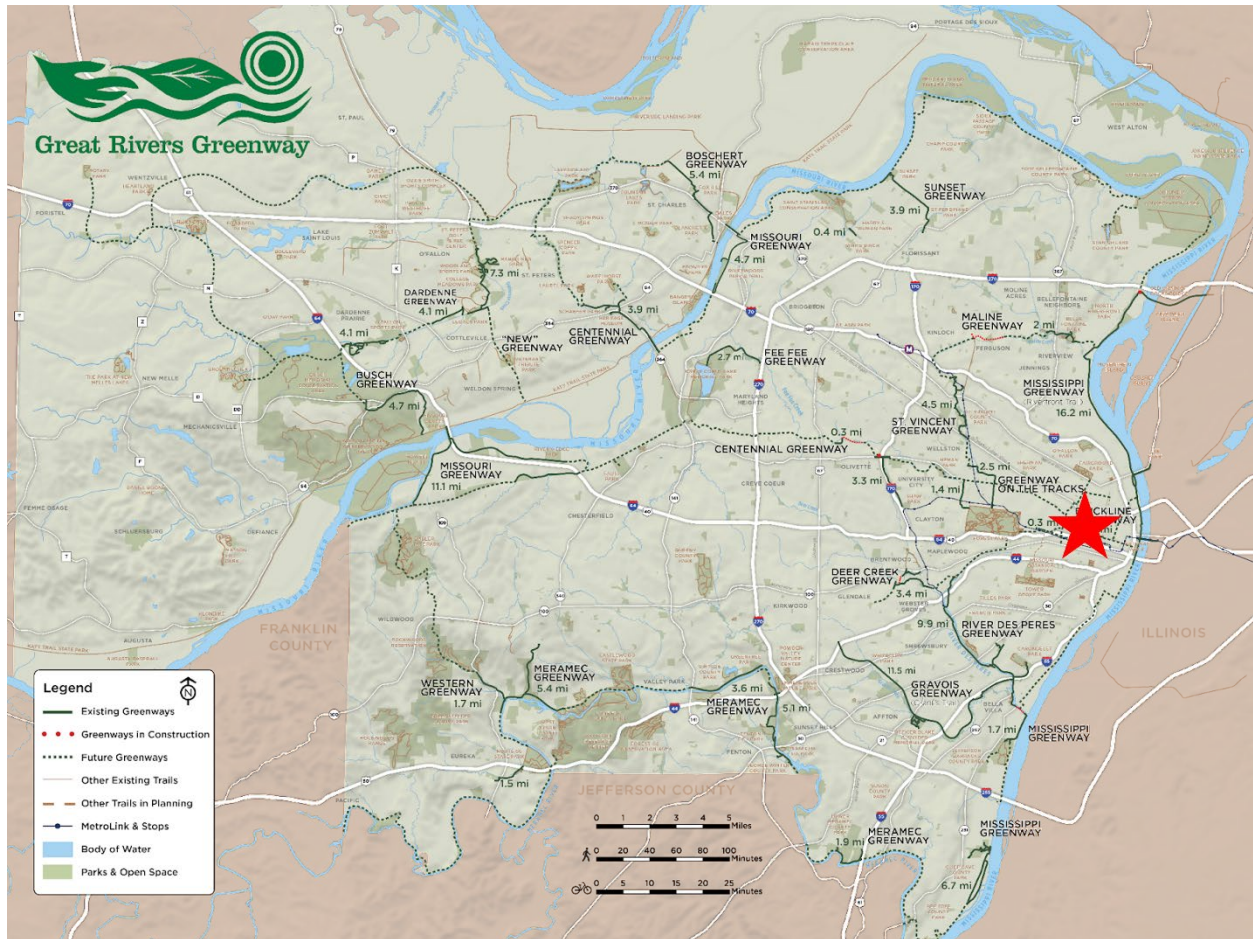
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**F. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.14 approving a Mutual Support Agreement with Brickline North Community Development Corporation in connection with the Brickline Greenway Equitable Economic Development Programming and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - T. Christopher Peoples**



## WHERE:

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

## WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
T. Christopher Peoples	Brickline North Community Development Corporation	Mutual Support Agreement

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

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

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

<b>PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)</b>
N/A



**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Mutual Support Agreement	\$0	N/A	None

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

St. Louis Development Corporation and various private entities contribute to GRG to fund the Director of Equity and Economic Impact position, along with complementary programs and initiatives.

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Various phases	Capacity building, fundraising and program implementation

**WHY AND/OR HOW:**

This action requests to authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a Mutual Support Agreement with Brickline North Community Development Corporation in connection with the Brickline Greenway Equitable Economic Development Programming in the City of St. Louis, MO (City).

**Background**

In June 2022, the GRG Board of Directors (Board) approved a cooperation agreement with the St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC) to help fund and support a new position, known as the the Director of Equity + Economic Impact (DEEI), to be housed within Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) and focused on economic development adjacent to the Brickline Greenway. The DEEI is continually working to promote economic development and growth within the neighborhoods traversed by the project, including working alongside city agencies, community partners and neighborhood stakeholders to generate policies and practices that support neighborhood-based planning and aligns with SLDC's Equitable Economic Development Plan and other City economic development efforts.

In August 2024, the **Brickline North Community Development Corporation (BNCDC)** was established to implement equitable economic development strategies within the Brickline Greenway: North Connector project area. BNCDC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals and neighborhoods served by the North Connector of the Brickline Greenway, specifically the Covenant Blu-Grand Center, Jeff-Vander-Lou (JVL), and St. Louis Place neighborhoods. The organization aims to foster inclusive and sustainable neighborhoods through collaborative initiatives and partnerships. Its economic development programming will offer comprehensive community development services, including neighborhood capacity building, revitalization efforts, public safety initiatives, and support for nonprofits and small businesses, along with community engagement and advocacy.

### **Details on this Action**

The purpose of this Mutual Support Agreement is to formalize the relationship between GRG and BNCDC. This agreement allows the DEEI to assume an administrative role and oversee programmatic operations at BNCDC, ensuring alignment with shared goals of equitable development and community engagement along the Brickline Greenway.

BNCDC will focus on implementing community programs, providing progress updates, and collaborating on joint initiatives.

GRG will provide technical assistance, resources, stakeholder connections, and in-kind or potentially limited financial contributions.

**In-kind Contributions**, such as:

- Staff time or expertise dedicated to joint programming and initiatives.
- Technical services (e.g., marketing support, planning or design expertise).
- Access to resources (e.g., use of office space, technology or event materials).
- Support for community engagement activities.
- Data, research, or other informational resources.

**Financial Support**, such as:

- Time-limited funding (e.g., startup capital and seed grants).
- Conditional funding allocated for programs, projects and activities that align with the Brickline Greenway Equitable Economic Development Programming.
- Minor operational funding (e.g., program implementation, training, technology, i.e. software and communication tools).
- Fundraising and development to additional funding through grants, sponsorships.

The funding of any programming or initiatives related to this Mutual Support Agreement would come from project **308A Brickline Greenway: Overall Program**, which contains budget allocations from the Great Rivers Greenway Foundation earmarked for comprehensive Brickline Greenway activities, including Equity and Economic Impact.

The agreement underscores a commitment to equitable practices, open communication and the sharing of relevant resources to strengthen the partnerships through innovative initiatives. It emphasizes shared responsibility with the City of St. Louis, SLDC and other partners in identifying funding opportunities and represents a shared commitment to fostering community impact in neighborhoods served by the Brickline Greenway. Staff recommends approval of this Board Action.

**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2019.95	Approval of the Chouteau (Brickline) Greenway Framework Plan
2020.26	Approval of changing the name of Chouteau Greenway to Brickline Greenway
2022.40	Approval of a cooperation agreement with the St. Louis Development Corporation to fund Equity and Economic Impact Director

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUTUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH BRICKLINE NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN CONNECTION WITH BRICKLINE GREENWAY EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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");

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**WHEREAS**, the Brickline Greenway 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 developing a Mutual Support Agreement with the Brickline North Community Development Corporation (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 for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a Mutual Support Agreement with Brickline North

Community Development Corporation; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 Mutual Support Agreement with Brickline North Community Development Corporation 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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, President

ATTEST:

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, Secretary

**Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

**G. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.15 approving a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Grant Application with East-West Council of Governments in connection with Brickline Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Brian Stith**



**WHERE:**

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
308P	Brickline	Boyle-Clayton to Forest Park	City of St. Louis



**WHO:**

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Brian Stith	East West Gateway Council of Governments	Grant Application

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	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:
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
n/a

**WHAT:**

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Grant Application	\$33,000	\$75,000	308A

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

**WHEN:**

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2025	Design	Engineering

## **WHY AND/OR**

This action is to authorize GRG to submit a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant application for a segment of Brickline Greenway from the Cortex MetroLink Station to Forest Park.

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments has released federal transportation grant applications for the CMAQ grant program. The program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and provides funding utilized by states and localities for transportation improvement projects. Projects may leverage a maximum of 80% of federal funds and require a minimum 20% local match. Projects which include greater than 20% local matching funds typically score higher in the review process. Projects that are selected by East-West Gateway Council of Governments would be eligible for construction activities starting in FHWA fiscal year 2028 (October 2027).

Great Rivers Greenway (GRG)'s Board of Directors approved the Chouteau (Brickline) Greenway Framework Plan in December 2019. This transformational project is designed to connect Forest Park, Gateway Arch National Park, Fairground Park, and Tower Grove Park with over 20 miles of urban greenways through many neighborhoods in the heart of St. Louis. In 2020, the Board approved changing the name of the project to the Brickline Greenway. Although the Framework Plan presented a bold vision for the greenway as a high-level planning tool to coordinate, guide, and inform the preparation of more detailed designs for specific greenway projects, it has been understood that the implementation of greenway project segments would proceed at different paces, depending upon available partnerships, community engagement needs, previous design and planning efforts and ongoing development projects being conducted by other parties.

The segment starting at the Cortex MetroLink Station at Boyle Avenue and connecting the intersection of Clayton/Boyle Avenues and Forest Park along Clayton Avenue is a vital and complex section of the Brickline Greenway (see map below). It involves partnering with several major health institutions including Washington University Medical Center (WUMC), Barnes Jewish-Christian Health Services (BJC) and Shriners Hospital for planning and right of way access. In addition, the intersection of Clayton/Boyle is a key component of the future I-64 project to reduce traffic and congestion on Interstate 64. GRG has been working hand in hand with MoDOT and the

City of St. Louis to ensure this greenway project dovetails with the future Interstate 64 improvements to improve traffic flow for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Several potential connections to Forest Park were considered during the Brickline Greenway Framework Plan process. In cooperation with the aforementioned healthcare institutions, alternative alignments were evaluated in 2022 with a conclusion that Clayton Avenue was the most feasible and direct route to connect the existing segment of Brickline Greenway at Cortex MetroLink Station to Forest Park, utilizing the Kingshighway underpass to reach the park.

In April 2023, GRG contracted with Lamar Johnson Collaborative, LLC (LJC) to plan, design, and deliver construction documentation for this approximately one-mile section of the Brickline Greenway. The Schematic Design completed in July of 2024 and includes 30 percent designs involving:

- Collaborating with GRG and WUMC to review current design standards and coordinate design of new streetscape elements related to Brickline Greenway
- Partnering with Lochmueller Group (Lochmueller) to determine roadway impacts of various transportation projects
- Partnering with David Mason and Associates (DMA) to provide survey data
- Supporting engagement with community, stakeholder and technical advisory groups
- Following Brickline Design Guidelines to identify greenway features such as paving, lighting, wayfinding signage, landscape, exterior furnishings, crosswalks and other amenities
- Providing an updated construction cost estimate.

In November 2024, GRG contracted with Lochmueller Group to begin developing a CMAQ application for this section of the greenway. In 2021, Lochmueller prepared and submitted a successful CMAQ application on GRG's behalf for the Brickline Project between Cortex MetroLink Station and Grand MetroLink Station. In 2023, Lochmueller completed the traffic study

related to this section of the Greenway as part of the schematic design process and has been coordinating with MoDOT on the future I-64 project.

GRG staff request Board approval to apply for funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments requires applicants to submit a refundable deposit of one-half of one percent of the grant value with the application. In this case, GRG staff request up to \$33,000 toward the application of a maximum \$6.6 million grant value. If successful, the earliest the grant would be available for construction would be for the MoDOT's fiscal year 2028, which begins in October 2027. This timing follows GRG's current projected design timeline and allow for the completion of engineering and construction bid documents in time to receive the grant for construction. The grant application is due February 7, 2025. East-West Gateway's current schedule is selection of projects for funding in August 2025.

The total project is estimated to be \$16.6 million which includes greenway and roadway improvements. If the application is successful, GRG would be responsible for the remainder of the project costs not supplied by the Grant funds (currently estimated to be \$10 million). GRG has received private donation pledges in the amount of \$10 million from local entities. These donations represent the funding that will need to be allocated in GRG's future budgets to ensure GRG meets its local matching requirements under the CMAQ Grant. These private donations are representative of the extensive support GRG has developed within the local community for this project.



**RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2014.118	Approval of a Budget Amendment and Cooperation Agreement with Washington University Medical Center for a Mobility Study
2019.95	Approval of the Chouteau (Brickline) Greenway Framework Plan
2020.26	Approval of changing the name of the Chouteau Greenway to Brickline Greenway
2020.40	Approval of a design contract with Lamar Johnson Collaborative, LLC
2023.31	Approval of Budget Amendment to Fund Design for Project 308P
2023.32	Approval of a Design contract with Lamar Johnson Collaborative, LLC

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONGESTION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION WITH EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH BRICKLINE GREENWAY AND A PLEDGE OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION, 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 Brickline Greenway 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 submitting an application (the "Application") for funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program for the construction of a greenway between Boyle - Clayton intersection and Forest Park in the City of St. Louis (the "Project");

**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 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 for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the 2026, 2027 and 2028 GRG 3/16 Capital Budgets will include line item 308P for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) submit the Application with East-West Gateway Council of Governments; 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 January 14, 2025, 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 submit the Application with East-West Council of Governments, along with the application fee, 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 14th day of January, 2025.  
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**



## D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

\_\_\_\_\_, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

### **Vote:**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

## **8. 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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## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

to reconvene into open session

### **B. ADJOURN**