



Tuesday, January 13th, 2026

2026 January Board Meeting

Great Rivers Greenway District Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

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

11:30am

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

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You are welcome to join us! The public can access the meeting by a web-based video conferencing service. Sign-in is required.

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Topic: Great Rivers Greenway Board of Director's Meetings 2026

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Persons wishing to speak to the Monthly Board of Directors meeting may do so:

- In person: Sign up prior to the meeting or submitting written questions in advance to Anne Milford via email amilford@grgstl.org OR sign in upon arrival at the front desk.
- Virtual: Fill out the form on the website <https://greatriversgreenway.org/about/board-of-directors/board-meeting-open-time-signup/> by 5pm the day before the meeting to participate digitally

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B. OPEN TIME

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C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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2. PRESENTATION (S)

A. Regional Plan Update - Mark Vogl

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.001 amending the 2002 DBE Policy and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - MICHELLE BOCK/HUSCH BLACKWELL

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2002 DBE POLICY AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the District previously adopted a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") Utilization Program;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to amend the DBE Policy to align with federal guidance;

WHEREAS, the District's amended DBE Policy has been reviewed by District staff and has been presented to the Board at its January 13, 2026 meeting;

WHEREAS, the District desires to (i) adopt the amended DBE, MBE/WBE Policies and (ii) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to 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 13, 2026 at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, Ste 253, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT d/b/a THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby adopts the revised DBE, MBE/WBE Policies.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his 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 13th Day of January, 2026.

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

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye: ____

Nay: ____

Abstain: ____

Absent: ____

Present: ____

[Draft Revised DBE policy.docx \(16 KB\)](#)

[Compare Redline - Great Rivers Greenway DBE MBE WBE Policies - 2025-4899-6036-2620-v1 and Great Rivers Greenway DBE MBE WBE Policies -~.pdf \(112 KB\)](#)

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. NONE

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. NONE

6. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

[January 2026 CEO report Great Rivers Greenway_FOR POSTING.pdf \(665 KB\)](#)

B. NOTICE OF CONTRACTS EXECUTED

[Dec 2025 CMx 10K to 50K Contracts.pdf \(3,907 KB\)](#)

7. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. NONE

8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.002 approving a contract not to exceed \$120,000 with Holland & Knight LLP in connection with Federal Government Relations Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Michelle Bock

WHERE:

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

WHO:

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

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

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
RFQ	NOVEMBER 2025		2

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
<p>In November 2025, staff issued a Request for Qualifications for Federal and State legislative consulting services to assist GRG in identifying funding opportunities, strategic messaging and overall awareness of the organization and our specific projects, and identification and cultivation of relationships on GRG's behalf with key legislators and federal contacts (with a focus on Department of Transportation contacts). We received two (2) proposals from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holland & Knight LLP (Holland & Knight) Nexus Group

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
CONTRACT	\$120,000	120,000	2026 Budget

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	N/A	N/A

WHY AND/OR HOW:

Great Rivers Greenway, working with professional legislative consulting firms, has been successful in leveraging federal funds for greenway projects by aligning the goals and intended outcomes of our projects to priorities of the United States Congress. With a change in administration, working with a firm who is in touch with funding opportunities and priorities, as well as key individuals involved, will put GRG in the best position to continue to capitalize on potential opportunities while establishing or maintaining important relationships. In order to build on recent successes and take advantage of the upcoming opportunities, it is critical that we continue to identify and cultivate key relationships with the key individuals in Congress, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Economic Development Agency, and others as needed.

For the past three years, GRG staff has worked with Holland & Knight LLP (Holland & Knight). Representatives from Holland & Knight were instrumental in the District's success in both furthering relationships at the federal level and in receiving funding in the past year. For 2026, staff recommends entering into a contract amendment with Holland & Knight to focus continued development and deepening of relationships with key individuals and agencies, strategic identification of opportunities for funding and advocacy for GRG and its projects that play an important role in moving our region forward.

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

RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.114	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 WITH HOLLAND AND KNIGHT LLP IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL RELATIONS SERVICES

2023.104	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 WITH HOLLAND AND KNIGHT LLP IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL RELATIONS SERVICES
2022.96	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 WITH HOLLAND AND KNIGHT LLP IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG Operating Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.135;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG Operating Budget included line item 999 for the Project;

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

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on January 13, 2026 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 Holland & Knight LLP in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or 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 13th day of January, 2026.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

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

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.003 approving a construction, operation and maintenance agreement with City of Wellston in connection with St. Vincent Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - BEN GROSSMAN



WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
732	St. Vincent	Robert Powell Place to St. Charles Rock Road (in Wellston)	St. Louis County

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Ben Grossman	City of Wellston	Construction, operation and maintenance agreement

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
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Approval of cooperation agreement	n/a	n/a	n/a
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WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	Construction	Operations and Maintenance

WHY AND/OR HOW:

Great Rivers Greenway is working with St. Louis County to construct the segment of the St. Vincent Greenway between Robert Powell Place and St. Charles Rock Road in the cities of Wellston and Pagedale. Great Rivers Greenway has already executed an agreement with the City of Pagedale, however there is small section of the alignment that lies in the City of Wellston.

The previous phase of construction in Wellston ended at Robert Powell Place along Plymouth Avenue. The next phase will be constructed along Plymouth to Sutter Avenue and then continue north along Sutter Avenue until it reaches Whitney Avenue where the Greenway will turn west and enter Pagedale.

This segment is aligned along the roadway and will be a widened sidewalk with enhanced lighting, enhanced crosswalks and the addition of street trees. The City of Wellston will continue to maintain this infrastructure as they have along the existing segments in Wellston with the support of Great Rivers Greenway.

Staff are seeking the board's approval to enter into a construction, operation and maintenance agreement for the segment of the St. Vincent Greenway: Robert Powell to St. Charles Rock Road that is located in the City of Wellston.



RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2020.37	Construction, operation and maintenance agreement with Wellston for segment from Trojan to Robert L. Powell Place
2015.107	Construction, operation and maintenance agreement with Wellstone and St. Louis County for Trojan Park

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WELLSTON IN CONNECTION WITH ST. VINCENT 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, 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 St. Vincent Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “St. Vincent Greenway”);

WHEREAS, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by entering into a cooperation agreement for the St. Vincent Greenway (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 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item (732) for the Project;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a construction, operation and maintenance agreement with the City of Wellston; 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 13, 2026, 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 construction, operation and maintenance agreement with the City of Wellston for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
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METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.004 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$56,000 with Forest Releaf of Missouri in connection with volunteer tree planting and stewardship 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, St. Louis County

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

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Approval	\$56,000	\$56,000	N/A

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	Volunteer tree planting and stewardship	Ongoing tree planting and stewardship

WHY AND/OR HOW:

With planting projects each year from 2021-2025, 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, FRM shows a commitment to the critical green infrastructure and provides pathways for the community to be part of the positive impact.

Over the past five (5) years, The District and FRM have planted 1,564 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 2025 alone engaged 112 volunteers. Over the course of the past six (6) 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 2026, 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 2026 include three (3) 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 FRM program in 2026 is \$56,000.

RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2025.04	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.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,000 WITH FOREST RELEAF OF MISSOURI IN CONNECTION WITH VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING AND STEWARDSHIP 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, 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 a Regional Greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Greenways”);

WHEREAS, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by engaging communities in tree planting and stewardship (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 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 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 13, 2026, 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 Forest Releaf of Missouri in an amount not to exceed \$56,000 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.

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METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.005 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$600,000, 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. - Gil Thomas



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
Gil Thomas	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	\$600,000	\$150,000	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
2026, '27, '28, '29	Design	100% Design

WHY AND/OR HOW:

<p>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 \$600,000 toward the grant's local match for design and construction of the project.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The vision for Centennial Greenway is to complete over 30-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.</p>

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. EFK Moen assisted with a TAP application in late 2024 and into 2025. In early 2025, GRG's Board of Directors approved a Cost Share Agreement (2025.08) with the City of St. Peters, along with support from GRG, to submit this Project for consideration for federal transportation funding under TAP for 2025. The Project was not recommended for award in 2025, narrowly missing recommendation by 0.5 points. The City wants to re-submit the TAP application this year.

Over the past year, the City has worked to upgrade almost 0.2 miles of the Spencer Creek Trail to meet GRG's greenway standards, with immediate plans in early 2026 to improve another 0.2 miles.

Currently, EFK Moen is assisting with this new TAP grant application and continuing design work.

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). (See Map below) 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:

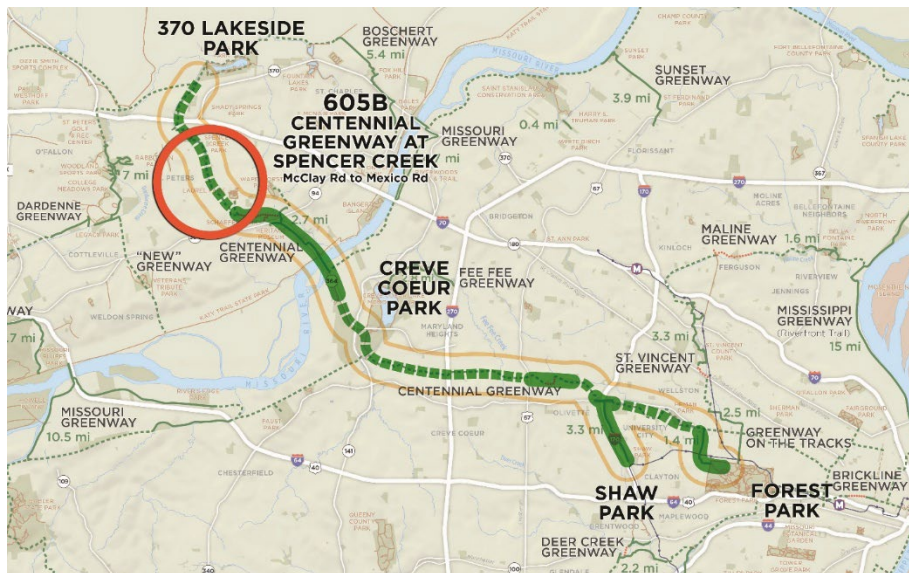
- Reconstruction of the existing trail surface, which varies in width and is in poor condition, with an ADA-compliant 14-foot wide paved trail that adheres to GRG's design standards.
- Two (2) new 14-foot wide bridges will be added as part of the TAP grant. The existing trail includes two (2) 4-foot 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. One (1) of the existing bridges being replaced and the trail will be rerouted to include the addition of a new wider bridge, while leaving one (1) existing 4-foot bridge in place on the existing trail that will act as a small, alternate, connection to "Ollie's Playground".
- 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.

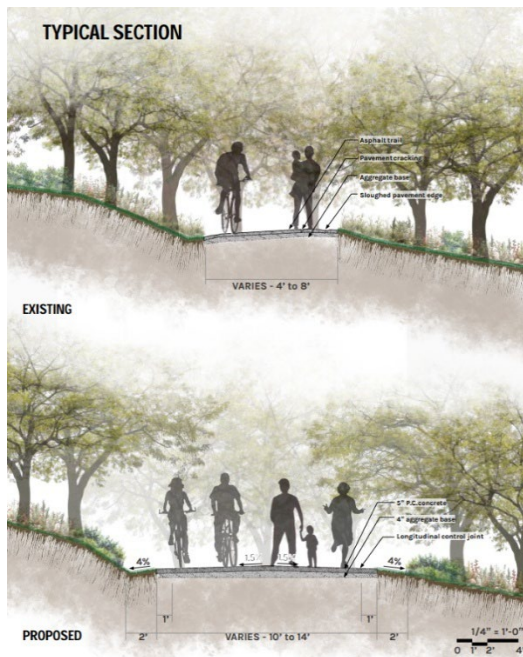
The City will serve as the project sponsor and applicant of the Centennial Greenway TAP application, with the understanding that GRG will contribute up to \$600,000 toward the local match cost of the project, and provide a letter of support indicating GRG financial commitment to the project. The estimated cost share is as follows:

Federal TAP funds requested:	\$1,500,000
City of St. Peters contribution:	\$600,000
<u>Great Rivers Greenway contribution:</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$2,700,000

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. The City of St. Peters will provide the application fee of \$7,500. TAP grant applications are due to EWG on February 6, 2026. Recommendation of awards are scheduled for May, followed by a public comment period in the summer and final EWG Board approval in August 2026.

If the TAP grant is awarded, design would commence in October of this year, pending a 2026 budget amendment, with construction beginning in January 2029.





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

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.85	Approval of a Contract Amendment with EFK Moen, LLC for Centennial Greenway
2025.08	Approval of a Cost Share Agreement with the City of St. Peters for Centennial Greenway

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COST SHARE AGREEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000, 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 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item 605B for the Project;

WHEREAS, the 2027, 2028 and 2029 GRG 1/10 Capital Budgets will include a line item 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 13, 2026, 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 \$600,000 for the Project, subject to future appropriation.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his 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 13th day of January, 2026.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

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D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.006 approving a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Grant Application with East-West Gateway Council of Governments in connection with Maline Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Kuleya Bruce



WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
296A	Maline Greenway	Nolte Ave to Bella Fontaine West Park	St. Louis County

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Kuleya Bruce	East-West Gateway Council of Governments	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Carbon Reduction Program 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

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Grant Application	\$21,000	\$199,485	N/A

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

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	60% Design	95% Design

WHY AND/OR HOW:

This Board Action is to authorize a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Carbon Reduction Program (CMAQ) Federal Transportation Funds application for Maline Greenway: Nolte Avenue to Bella Fontaine West Park in St. Louis County. The action includes authorizing an application fee of up to \$21,000 for the project.

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments has released the Federal Transportation Grant Application for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Carbon Reduction Program (CMAQ). 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 matching funds. Project which include greater than 20% local matching funds typically score higher in the review process. GRG is proposing to provide a 50% federal funding and a 50% local matching funds to improve competitiveness and provide a boost in scoring. Projects that are selected by East-West Gateway Council of Governments would be eligible for construction activities starting in FHWA fiscal year 2029 (October 2028).

GRG staff is seeking authorization to submit an application for the development of the Maline Greenway in St. Louis County. This application will include the currently designed 60% bridge across Halls Ferry Road connecting Nolte Ave with Bella Fontaine Park West. The Maline Greenway is an east-west link between the Mississippi Greenway (sometimes called the Riverfront Trail), the St. Vincent Greenway and the Ted Jones Trail in St. Louis County. The Halls Ferry bridge would potentially be the last piece of the puzzle and would provide a safe crossing over the road. Halls Ferry Road in this area of North St. Louis County is listed within the top 10% of pedestrian/automobile crashes in the St. Louis metropolitan region.

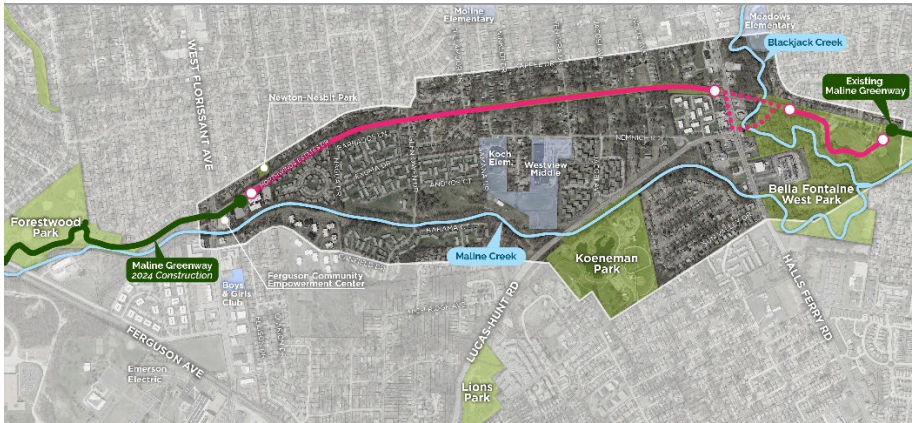
This project would connect to a section of the Maline Greenway completed in 2019 in Bella Fontaine County Park (on the east side of Lewis & Clark Blvd., with an underpass to connect to the west side of the park). To the west, the other major Maline project in the City of Ferguson (#295 Ted Jones to West Florissant) recently reached a major milestone by achieving clearance from the railroad and will be on its way to construction in 2026. The segment from West Florissant Ave to Nolte Ave (#296) will go out for bid in the 1st quarter of 2026. Construction is expected to finish by the end of 2027. That leaves the

segment from Nolte Ave to Bella Fontaine Park West, (#296A) the last connection to be completed (see the dotted line on the map below).

GRG's consultant leading the design is Lochmuller Group, which has been essential in developing the plans and estimates for the Maline Greenway 296A Nolte to Bella Fontaine Park West and New Halls Ferry bridge to its current 60% Intermediate Design phase, while simultaneously advancing the design for 296 Maline Greenway from West Florissant to Nolte Ave to 95% Pre Final Design. Lochmuller is leading the efforts to assemble the CMAQ grant application.

GRG Staff is recommending applying for approximately \$4.15 million from East West Gateway for this project, which would require a \$21,000 application fee. The overall project is estimated at \$7.4 million. A refundable application fee of one-half of one percent of the grant value is required. Staff is requesting the \$4.15 million and \$21,000 application fee as the maximum, but the final amounts may be lowered as Lochmuller finalizes the grant application and GRG staff discusses the optimal grant request. Staff will notify the Board on the final Grant amount at the February Board meeting.

If successful, the earliest the grant would be available for construction would be during MoDOT's 2029 Fiscal year, beginning in October of 2028. This timeline would extend GRG's current projected design timeline to align with the funding window. The application is due February 6, 2026 and applicants would be notified in August 2026 whether they are being recommended for approval. If the application is not successful, the application fee is returned.



RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
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2012.43	Contract with Woolpert, Inc. for 2011 Maline Greenway Concept Plan
2022.48	Contract with Lochmueller Group for Planning Services
2023.82	Approval of Concept Design and Feasibility
2024.30	Contract Amendment with Lochmueller Group for design services

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH MALINE 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 Maline Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the "Maline 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 the Maline Greenway from Nolte Ave to Bella Fontaine Park West (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 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item (296A) 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, along with the application fee in an amount not to exceed \$21,000; 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 13th, 2026, 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 to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, along with the application fee in an amount not to exceed \$21,000, for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his 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 13th day of January, 2026.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

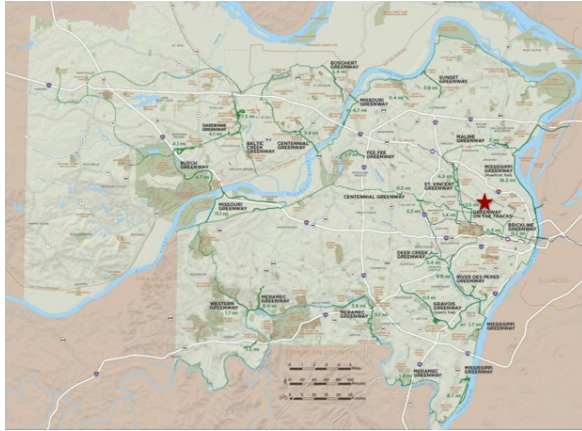
Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

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

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.007 approving a construction management contract not to exceed \$63,805 with Navigate Building Solutions, LLC in connection with Hodiamont Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Kuleya Bruce



WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
288A	Hodiamont	Goodfellow to Belt	City of St. Louis

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Kuleya Bruce & Gil Thomas	Navigate Building Solutions, LLC	Construction Management

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

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
Request for Qualifications	October 2025	N/A	5

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
<p>In October 2025, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) staff released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for pre-construction and construction management services across multiple greenway projects including three (3) separate projects, including: Maline Greenway: West Florissant to Nolte (296), Maline Greenway: Nolte to Bella Fontaine Park West (296A), and Hodiamont Greenway: Goodfellow to Belt Ave (288A).</p> <p>The RFQ was published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the St. Louis American newspapers, the GRG website, and was announced via an email to GRG's jobs and bids electronic database. Five (5) responses were received that expressed interest in the services for the advertised Hodiamont & Maline projects (288A, 296, 296A). A selection committee composed of GRG staff evaluated the proposals. All five (5) firms that applied for the Hodiamont & Maline projects (288A, 296, 296A) were interviewed in November. The selection committee unanimously recommended Navigate Building</p>

Solutions, LLC as the best qualified and capable firm to perform the services outlined in the RFQ for the Hodiament Greenway: Goodfellow to Belt Ave (288A).

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract	\$99,455	\$417,105	N/A

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	70% Intermediate Design	95% Pre-Final Design

WHY AND/OR HOW:

This Board Action is to approve a contract for \$63,805, subject to future appropriation, with Navigate Building Solutions, LLC (Navigate) for pre-construction management services for the Hodiament Greenway: Goodfellow Blvd to Belt Ave. Of the total \$63,805; \$55,706 is allocated for Pre-Construction Management Services, and \$8,099 would be allocated to assist GRG staff in submitting a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Federal Transportation Grant for the segment between Gwen Giles Park and Goodfellow Blvd.

In 2023, GRG, with the support of the Bi-State Development Agency and the City of St. Louis, completed 30% Schematic design from Gwen Giles Park to Vandeventer, which included a construction cost estimate. For the segment from Goodfellow Blvd to Belt Ave, the GRG Board approved Resolution 2024.21, and the DTLS, Inc. (DTLS) team has progressed the design from 30% Schematic Design to 70% Intermediate Design for the segment from Goodfellow Blvd to Belt Ave. DTLS, along with consultants WSP USA Inc., M3 Engineering Group, P.C., Hines, Kivindyo Engineering Services, Inc., and Engineering

Design Source, Inc. have worked with neighborhood residents and the City of St. Louis to reach 70% design. 100% Plans, Specifications and Estimates will be reached in 2026, with construction anticipated for 2027. As such, having a Construction Management firm to assist with Pre-Construction activities is needed.

In October of 2025, GRG staff released a Request for Proposals for pre-construction and construction management services for the Hodiamont & Maline Greenway subprojects. Five (5) responses were received that expressed interest in the services for the project. A selection committee composed of GRG staff evaluated the proposals and interviewed all 5 teams in November. The selection committee unanimously recommended Navigate for this project.

The contract with Navigate includes a not-to-exceed fee of \$63,805, which includes the following services:

- Pre-Construction \$55,706
 - Pre-construction services, including plan review and bidding services
 - Cost estimation services
 - Owner Scope evaluation
 - Construction & Contract Document review
 - Schedule review and recommendation
 - Assist with material Acquisition
 - Assist with bidding and contract negotiation
- Additional Services (As needed only basis not to exceed \$8,099)
 - Updating the 2023 Cost Estimate for the pending TAP application for the segment between Gwen Giles Park and Goodfellow Blvd.

The 2026 budget for the (288A) project included \$417,105. Contract expenditures within 2026 are projected to remain within the available budget. Depending on the future Construction Management needs for this project, a contract amendment may be brought to the Board for consideration later in 2026 when the project bidding and construction phase commences.

RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.21	Approval of Contract Amendment with DTLS, Inc.
2022.56	Approval of Contract Amendment with DTLS, Inc.
2021.110	Approval of Contract Amendment with DTLS, Inc.
2020.29	Approval of Contract with DTLS, Inc.



A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,805 WITH NAVIGATE BUILDING SOLUTIONS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH HODIAMONT 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 Hodiamont Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Hodiamont Greenway”);

WHEREAS, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by developing the Hodiamont Greenway: Goodfellow to Belt (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget included line item 288A for the Project;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District’s Procurement Policy, the District issued and advertised Pre-construction and Construction Management Request for Qualifications for or in furtherance of the Project and received 5 responses;

WHEREAS, Navigate Building Solutions, LLC 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 Navigate Building Solutions, LLC; and (iii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on January 13th, 2026, 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 Navigate Building Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$63,805 for the Project.
3. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his 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 13th day of January, 2026.

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

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

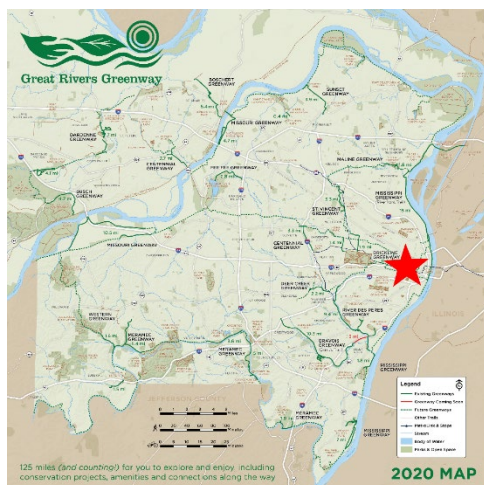
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.008 approving a License Agreement with the City of St. Louis in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Michael Steinlage



WHERE:

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

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Michael Steinlage	City of St. Louis	License Agreement

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of License Agreement	\$0	N/A	308OM

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	Design and Construction	Construction

WHY AND/OR HOW:

This action requests to authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a License Agreement with the City of St. Louis (the "City") in connection with Brickline Greenway: Entire Network. The agreement authorizes GRG's usage of City fiber optic utilities for data access in support of Brickline Greenway operations and Wi-Fi.

Background

In December 2019, Great Rivers Greenway ("GRG")'s Board of Directors approved the Chouteau Greenway (the "Brickline") Framework Plan. 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. Since that time, staff has worked with community members, partners, and consultants to plan, design, and construct the greenway network in phases with two (2) miles soon to be completed.

Years of community engagement and work by GRG staff yielded significant milestones in late 2023 and early 2024 when GRG's Board approved Resolution 2023.88 authorizing a License Agreement with the City of St. Louis in connection with constructing the Brickline Greenway and the City's subsequent execution of the agreement, respectively. The executed agreement authorizes GRG to construct the Brickline within City right-of-way, as well as usage of the City's electrical utility infrastructure to power greenway amenities and appurtenances at no cost to GRG. The agreement was silent with respect to usage of the City's data network and fiber optic utilities. Therefore, staff now seeks approval of a second and separate License Agreement with the City to provide for usage of the City's fiber optic infrastructure and data network.

Details on this Action

This license agreement will authorize GRG to connect greenway amenities and systems to the City's fiber optic network to provide internet connectivity. This partnership will enable and provide data to Brickline systems such as Wi-Fi, Eco-Counters, irrigation controls, lighting controls, and other technologies. The City will provide data service at no charge to GRG. In documented instances where usage of data within the License Area is so high that it causes the City to have to purchase additional bandwidth, GRG shall, at its option, either:

1. Compensate the City for actual, documented incremental costs attributable to such additional bandwidth; or
2. Agree to a reduction in available bandwidth made available for the System.

When GRG’s usage decreases and no longer contributes to the need for such additional bandwidth, the parties shall in good faith review usage data and adjust the cost-sharing arrangement accordingly. To the extent the additional bandwidth is no longer necessary due to reduced usage, GRG shall not be responsible for ongoing reimbursement related to unused bandwidth. The City will communicate with GRG staff regarding data usage and monitor it for GRG's reporting and budgeting purposes.

Future Actions

Subject to future Board approval, GRG will enter into a contract with a third-party vendor to manage operations of the internet and Wi-Fi system. These future operations will include network monitoring, system optimization, system upgrades; and technician dispatch services. GRG staff will work to procure the vendor in late 2026 for implementation in 2027 with the completion of the North Connector along North Grand Blvd.

RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.88	License Agreement with the City of St. Louis for the Brickline Greenway
2025.43	Adoption of the Brickline Greenway Technology Plan

RESOLUTION APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS 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, 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 constructing the Brickline Greenway network and executing a License Agreement with the City of St. Louis for Public Wi-Fi Program Partnership (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 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget included line item 308OM for the Project;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a license agreement with the City of 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 13, 2026, 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 the City of St. Louis 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 13th day of January, 2026.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie Dubray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

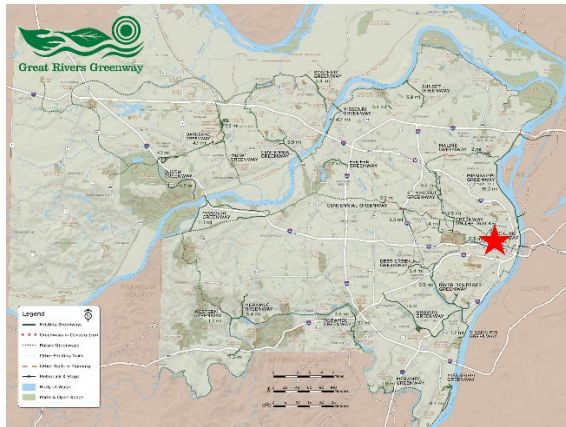
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.009 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$542,000 with Smith 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)
308S	Brickline	North Connector on Spring Ave between Page and Lindell Blvds (Phase 2 and 3)	City of St. Louis

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Lonny Boring & Kuleya Bruce	Smith Group, Inc.	Contract Amendment

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

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
<p>Civil: David Mason & Associates, Inc. (MBE)</p> <p>Traffic: Lochmueller Group, Inc.</p> <p>Landscape: DTLS, Inc. (WBE)</p> <p>Architecture: Grice Group Architects (MBE)</p> <p>Geotech: Geotechnology, LLC.</p> <p>The value of the Phase 2 and 3 contract for MBEs totals 21.6% & WBE totals 16.7%</p>	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	05/2022	N/A	8

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

Submissions included teams lead by: Horner & Shifrin, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Land Collective LLC, Object Territories, PORT Architecture and Urbanism LLC, Ross Barney Architects, Inc., SmithGroup, Inc. and W Architecture and Landscape Architecture, LLC. Virtual interviews were conducted with Horner & Shifrin, Inc., Land Collective LLC, PORT Architecture and Urbanism LLC, and SmithGroup, Inc. In-person interviews were conducted with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. and SmithGroup, Inc. The Selection Committee composed of staff from GRG and the City of St. Louis recommended award to the SmithGroup, Inc. team.

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Amendment	\$542,000	\$4,341,282	N/A

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

GRG Foundation and Other Outside Sources

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	Construction	Project Completion

WHY AND/OR HOW:

This action is to approve a contract amendment with the Smith Group, Inc. team (Smith Group) for Construction Administration for Brickline Greenway North Corridor Phases 2 and 3 along Spring Avenue. This represents the final professional services contract for the project with the construction contract anticipated for early 2026 for Board consideration.

Following notification of a partial RAISE Grant award and pursuant to Resolutions 2022.11 and 2022.55, the GRG Board of Directors approved two (2) applications to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments for federal grants for the portion of the Brickline Greenway along Spring Ave between Page Blvd and Lindell Blvd. (see map below). Both applications were successful and the two phases were awarded a total of \$6 million in Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) federal funding for construction. In addition, the two phases were also awarded a total of \$2.5 million in Community Project Funding through former Senator Blunt's office.

The federal grants are only for project construction costs starting in 2026, and the Spring Avenue: Phases 2 and 3 will need to be bid separately; however, due to their adjacency GRG staff combined the design efforts for the two phases.

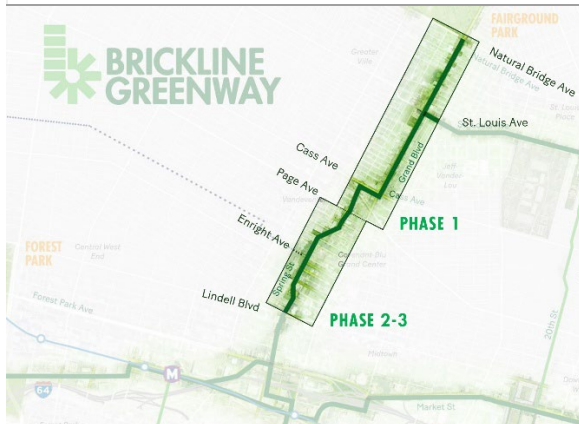
The Smith Group team was procured as a result of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in early 2022. The RFQ sought professional services across multiple areas of the Brickline Greenway network including the Spring Avenue phases in this action. In March 2023, pursuant to Resolution 2023.23 a preliminary and intermediate design contract with Smith Group was executed. A second amendment was authorized pursuant to Resolution 2024.103 for final design and bidding services. Project plans and permits are complete and the project will soon be out for public bidding.

The Smith Group team includes the St. Louis firms of David Mason & Associates, Inc. (MBE), DTLS, Inc. (WBE), Grice Group Architects (MBE), Lochmueller Group, Inc., and Geotechnology, LLC. The Smith Group team has developed a Spring Avenue Phase 2 and 3 scope and fee for project construction administration services. The not to exceed fee is established at \$542,000. This fee represents 4.2% of the estimated project construction budget and is below the average cost for construction administration services. The value

of contracts in the Phase 2 and 3 scope totals 21.6% MBE and 16.7% WBE. The Smith Group team services include:

- Review and respond to requests for information and submittals from the construction contractor
- Inspect work completed and generate reports documenting design deficiencies or variances, if any
- Attend punch-list inspections, compile list of deficiencies and reinspect corrective work
- Assist with project closeout documentation and compliance with federal grants

This represents a final phase of professional services for the Brickline Greenway: Spring Avenue Phases 2 and 3. The 2026 budget for the Phase 2 and 3 project includes \$4,341,282 in the GRG 3/16th Capital Budget.



RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2024.103	Approval of a contract amendment for final design for the project with Smith Group, Inc.
2023.23	Approval of a contract for intermediate design for the project with Smith Group, Inc.
2022.55	Authorization to apply for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant.

2022.11

Authorization to apply for the Surface Transportation Program - Suballocated (STP-S) Grant. Reassigned to TAP funding by East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$542,000 WITH SMITH 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”);

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;

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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 extending the Brickline Greenway along Spring Avenue (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 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget included line item (308S) for the Project;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2023.23, the District authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a contract with Smith Group, Inc. for preliminary and intermediate design in furtherance of the Project, and the District subsequently entered into a contract with Smith Group, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into a contract amendment with Smith 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 Smith 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 13, 2026, 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 Smith Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$542,000.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his 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.
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ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2026.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.010 approving a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application with East-West Gateway Council of Governments in connection with Hodiamont Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Gil Thomas



WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
288D	Hodiamont	Gwen Giles Park Trailhead to Goodfellow Blvd	City of St. Louis

WHO:

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

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Grant Application	\$7,500	\$50,000	288

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES

N/A

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	Design	Final Design

WHY AND/OR HOW:

This action requests to authorize an application for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the construction of the Hodiamont Greenway between Gwen Giles Park and Goodfellow Boulevard in the City of St. Louis, including an application fee of up to \$7,500.

This section of the Hodiamont Greenway lies between two (2) current projects actively underway (See map below). On the western edge of this segment is Gwen Giles Park Trailhead (project #288C) which is currently under construction with projected completion by the end of 2026. On the other end of this segment is the Goodfellow Blvd to Belt Ave segment (project #288A) which is approaching final design, with construction projected to begin in 2027. The TAP project would construct approximately 0.4 miles of greenway within the Hodiamont Tracks right-of-way, connecting the new trailhead at Gwen Giles Park to the first linear section of Hodiamont Greenway, as well as providing a connection to the St. Vincent Greenway. The project would also cross two (2) streets, Hamilton Avenue and

Goodfellow Boulevard. Intersection improvements to enhance visibility and safety would be implemented in this project. Included below are example renderings from our design work on Belt Avenue which would be similar design.

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 that provides an opportunity to leverage GRG funds with federal transportation funds. The maximum federal award is \$2.5 million. Projects selected by EWG would be eligible for construction activities starting in FHWA fiscal year 2029-2030. However, funds may be made available earlier if GRG completes required project design and permitting. Fifteen (15) million dollars of TAP funding is available in this round. Given the Hodiament Greenway's unique situation (Right of Way owned by Bi-State Development Agency but not a public street), TAP is the only EWG Federal Transportation Grant for which the Hodiament Greenway is eligible. Bi-State is supportive of the grant, and GRG staff will seek a letter in support of the grant as the owner of the Right of Way.

GRG staff requests Board approval to apply for funding under the TAP grant program for the two (2) block stretch of the Hodiament Greenway. The grant 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. Because this segment is not in the 2026 Capital Budget, the fee for the application will be provided by project #288 which has budgeted funds for the entire Hodiament Greenway.

If successful, the earliest the grant would be available for construction would be October 2028. The grant application is due February 6, 2026. The EWG's current schedule is to recommend projects for funding in May 2026, with final EWG Board approval in August 2026 and award notification in October 2026. If the grant is unsuccessful, the application fee will be refunded back to GRG.

In 2023, GRG's consultant completed 30% design for the entire 3.5 mile corridor including all the street crossings. A cost estimation effort alongside the early design work was also completed. This 2023 estimation, including a 20% contingency, estimated this project costs at \$4 million. As a part of this TAP application effort, we will be working to update this project estimate and can assume an escalation with inflation and cost adjustments needed since the previous estimate. Staff is working with Navigate Building Solutions, the

Construction Manager for the entire Hodiamont Greenway, to assist with the updated cost estimate.

If the TAP 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
2018.33	Approval of a Contract with Vector Communications for Community Engagement Services

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2018.86	Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Bi-State Development Agency for the Hodiament Corridor
2019.50	Approval of a Contract with EDSI, Inc. for Surveying Services
2020.29	Approval of a Contract with DTLS, Inc. for Design Services
2021.110	Approval of a Contract Amendment with DTLS, Inc. for Design Services
2022.56	Approval of a Contract Amendment with DTLS, Inc. for Design Services
2024.20	Approval of Contract Amendment with DTLS, Inc for Hodiament Greenway: St. Vincent Greenway to Belt Avenue
2024.21	Approval of Contact with DTLS, Inc for Hodiament Greenway: Gwen Giles Park Trailhead for 100% Design Services
2025.113	Approval of a Contract with Raineri Construction, LLC for Construction of Gwen Giles Park Trailhead
2025.152	Approval of a License Agreement with Bi-State Development Agency in connection with the Hodiament Greenway

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH HODIAMONT GREENWAY AND A PLEDGE OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION, AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

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WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget included line item (288) for the Project;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) submit a TAP application, including the application fee in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, 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 13, 2026, 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 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or 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.
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ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2026.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

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E. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.011 approving a Congestion Mitigation 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. - Brian Stith



WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
308Z	Brickline	Market St. - 20th to Arch	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

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Grant Application	\$40,000	\$75,000	308A

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	Design	Engineering

WHY AND/OR HOW:

This action is to authorize GRG to submit a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant application for a segment of Brickline Greenway along Market Street from 20th St. to the Arch in downtown St. Louis. Specifically, this application would address the first phase of the project between 4th Street and Tucker Blvd.

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 2029 (October 2028).

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.

GRG staff and a selection committee of project stakeholders recommended the SmithGroup, Inc. team in August 2024 to be the lead designer for this project, with community engagement support from Vector Communications. The GRG Board approved the first design contract under 2024.91 and since late 2024, the SmithGroup design team has made steady progress planning Brickline Greenway along the 16 blocks of the Gateway Mall, from the Arch to 20th Street. Coordination with the City of St. Louis, and various property owners and institutions along Market Street and others has been underway since 2024 which has been supportive of the design discussions to date.

Working with the consultant team and City of St. Louis staff, GRG recently brought to the GRG Board last month decisions related to the Brickline Gateway Mall project going forward:

First, that the project be divided into two phases for construction. This Board Action is for Phase 1 (east) between 4th Street and Tucker Blvd; Phase 2 (west) is between Tucker and 20th Street at Energizer Park and connects to the existing Brickline Greenway. It is anticipated that GRG will seek a CMAQ application this time next year for the Phase 2 segment.

Second, that the project incorporate a new streetscape on the south side of Market Street. While this expands the overall project scope and budget, it makes the project eligible for Federal Transportation grants such as the CMAQ if traffic improvements are completed as part of the work to be done. By including the south side of Market, this also solves several important logistical construction challenges such as regrading and resurfacing the crown of Market Street for stormwater draining, improves traffic calming and pedestrian safety, and incorporates Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS) technology to automate and improve traffic flow, particularly after special events downtown. ITS is an important component of the overall project succeeding with major events downtown like St. Louis Blues games, events at hotels and Stifel Theatre, etc.

Third, GRG will serve as the project sponsor for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to leverage private funding already committed to the project. This Board Action is to authorize the submittal of up to a \$8,000,000 CMAQ application for the construction of the Phase I segment. The application requires a 1/2 of 1% application fee of the requested federal funds which equates to \$40,000. This is refunded to GRG if the application is not approved. GRG is providing a 50/50 match for a total of \$16 million for the first segment. Private contributions from the GRG Foundation will be providing GRG's portion of the local match. Applications are due to East West Gateway on February 6, 2026, and GRG's consultants will be working to finalize the application and funding details. Therefore, staff is recommending the GRG Board authorize up to \$8,000,000 with the understanding the final amount may be less than \$8,000,000.

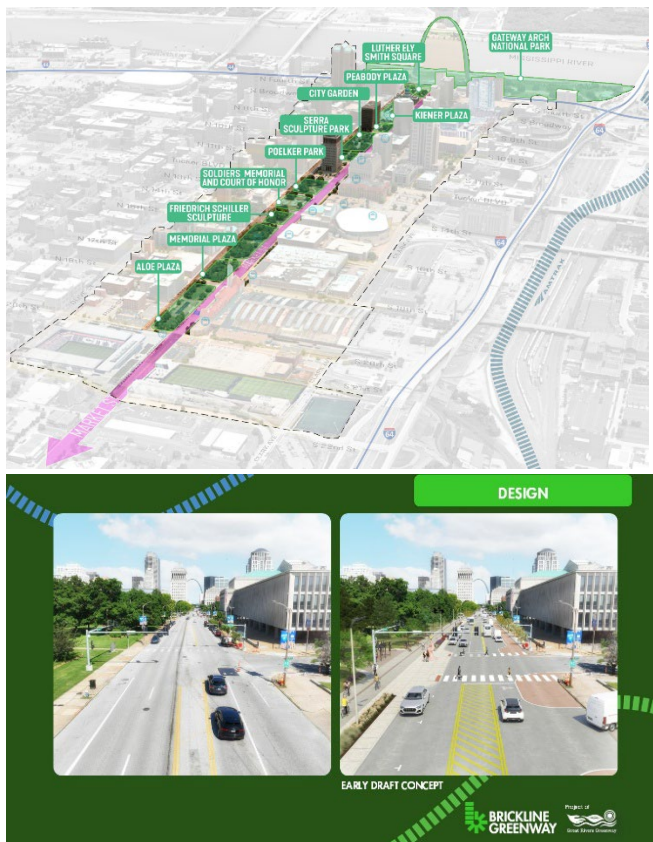
Staff will communicate with the Board at the February meeting on the final application amounts submitted to East West Gateway.

SmithGroup's proposed timeline for completing the various deliverables for Phase I are as follows:

- Phase 1 30% Design: January 2026

- Phase 1 CMAQ Grant Application: Jan/Feb 2026
- Phase 1 70% Design: February - April 2026
- Phase 1 95% Design: May - September 2026
- Phase 1 100% Design: Fall 2026
- Phase 1 Bidding: (Schedule TBD with Grant Award)

In December, the GRG Board of Directors approved a contract amendment with SmithGroup, Inc. to begin developing a CMAQ application for this section of the greenway. The grant application is due February 6, 2026. East-West Gateway's current schedule is selection of projects for funding starts in May, 2026 with final approval in August 2026.



RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:



RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2019.95	Approval of the Chouteau Greenway Framework Plan
2020.26	Approval of Renaming Chouteau Greenway as "Brickline Greenway"
2023.83	Approval of Prequalified Professional Services Consultants (Prequalified Vendors List)
2024.29	Approval of Surveying Services Contract with Engineering Design Source, Inc.
2024.91	Approval of Design Services Contract with SmithGroup, Inc.
2024.09	Approval of Surveying Services Contract Amendment with Engineering Design Source, Inc.
2025.31	Approval of Design Service Contract Amendment with SmithGroup, Inc.
2025.77	Approval of a Design Contract Amendment with SmithGroup, Inc.
2025.153	Approval of a Design Contract Amendment with SmithGroup, Inc.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONGESTION MITIGATION 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 proposing up to \$8,000,000 in local matching funds, subject to future appropriation by the Board (the “Application”) for funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program for the construction of Brickline Greenway between 4th Street and Tucker Ave (Phase I) of an overall greenway between the Arch and 20th Street 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 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.136;

WHEREAS, the 2026 GRG 3/16 Capital Budget included line item 308Z for the Project;

WHEREAS, the 2027, 2028 and 2029 GRG 3/16 Capital Budgets will include line item 308Z 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 13, 2026, 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 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his 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 13th day of January, 2026.

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

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Present:

F. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.012 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$100,000 with The Rome Group, Inc. in connection with campaign consulting services for Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -RACHEL JOHNSON

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
993S	BRICKLINE		ST. LOUIS CITY

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Rachel Johnson	THE ROME GROUP, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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

REMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
Vendor's List	12/2024	5 months/3 years	5

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Contract Amendment	\$100,000	\$100,000	

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES
\$100,000 GRG Foundation

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2026	ongoing	

WHY AND/OR HOW:

<p>In 2025, the District entered into a contract and a contract amendment totaling \$150,000 with The Rome Group, Inc. ("The Rome Group") for Brickline Greenway campaign consulting services to support the District's fundraising effort. There has been significant progress with the campaign, including \$24 million in 2025. GRG anticipates the need for continued support from The Rome Group for 2026.</p> <p>Understanding the importance of the campaign, the Great Rivers Greenway Foundation has generously agreed to contribute up to \$200,000 in 2025 and 2026 for campaign consulting services. Staff estimates that \$100,000 is needed for 2026, and is requesting that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract amendment with The Rome Group in the amount of \$100,000.</p>

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 WITH THE ROME GROUP, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH BRICKLINE GREENWAY

CAMPAIGN CONSULTING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, 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 raising funds necessary to complete the Brickline Greenway (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 2026 Operating Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2025.135;

WHEREAS, the 2026 Operating Budget included line item 993S for the Project;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer entered into a contract with The Rome Group, Inc. (The Rome Group) for Brickline Campaign Consulting Services, and the District subsequently entered into a contract amendment with The Rome Group;

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into a contract amendment with The Rome Group in order to amend the compensation and term under the existing contract;

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

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on January 13, 2026, 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 The Rome Group in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or 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 13th day of January, 2026.

METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Bernie DuBray, President

ATTEST:

Carol Klein, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

11. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - CAR 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM

A. NONE

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NONE

13. 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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14. ADJOURNMENT

A. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

B. ADJOURN