

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #11-07-XXX

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF RAMSEY'S APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD TO CONSTRUCT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI WEST REGIONAL PARK AND RAMSEY'S WESTERN BORDER OF ELK RIVER

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey has passed a resolution supporting regional trail status for planned trails, and existing trails along the Mississippi River within Anoka County and the City of Ramsey; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council did grant the regional trail status for this trail in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in the Metropolitan Council adopted a Regional Trails Policy Amendment to its Regional Recreation Open Space Development Guidelines/Policy Plan for the implementation of trails which provide access to high quality natural resources, regional parks, park reserves, and local areas of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail would further link together the cities of Anoka and Ramsey, Bunker Lake and Rum River Regional Trails, and ultimately the Headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico, as well as being a link in the National trail system; and

WHEREAS, this trail may also be extended to connect the Historic Oliver Kelley Farm and the COR, and Ramsey's Transit Station; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail will further provide immediate pedestrian access to the recreational resources at Riverdale Park, Mississippi West Regional Park, and the Mississippi River, and Anoka's park system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey has identified walkable communities and the Mississippi River Trail as priorities for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board has called for Transportation Enhancement proposals that would fund the Mississippi River Trail between the Regional Park in Ramsey and her border with Elk River and Sherburne County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey is uniquely positioned to cause this trail to be constructed as soon as certain funds are secured; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

1. The City of Ramsey City Council endorses the application to the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board for Federal funding of the Mississippi River Trail, and
2. The City of Ramsey City Council authorizes the City Administrator to send a letter, together with a signed copy of this Resolution along with the application to guarantee the 20% local match (from Ramsey or Anoka County Parks, or a combination thereof) for the project, and

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 12th day of July 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk