St. Croix River Crossing Project

City Owned Park Property and Proposed Mitigation Items

Documentation for Compliance with Chapter 1, Article 16 of City Code

City of Stillwater Council
May 17, 2005
Purpose of presentation is to provide additional consultation with the City of Stillwater regarding the project’s proposed affects to City’s 4(f) parks.

Chapter 1, Article 16 of City Code (City Owned Land) requires public review if the character of the City-owned land is substantially changed or altered.
Section 4(f) Consultation

St. Croix River Crossing Project – City Owned 4(f) Park Property
Loop Trail

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Stillwater Municipal Barge Facility Property

- No land acquisition; Impact ~1.4 acres
- Park access road at south end is consistent with previously developed Master Plan
- Bicycle trail adjacent to Highway 95 utilizing the former railroad corridor
- Pedestrian trail following St. Croix River shoreline
- Avoid Hersey & Bean archaeological site
- Removal of Terra Terminal
- Temporary Occupancy necessary to construct Loop Trail Removal of Terra Terminal Building
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Lowell Park

- No land acquisition
- Combined trail alignment along former railroad right of way along the west boundary of Lowell Park between Nelson and Chestnut Streets
- Lift Bridge converted to ped/bike facility
- Removable bollards placed on Chestnut St.
- Opportunities for additional on-street parking along Chestnut and Main Streets
- Temporary Occupancy to construct Loop Trail
- Will be part of the loop trail system
- Bridge lift mechanism would continue to operate to allow river traffic to pass

**Stillwater Lift Bridge as a Bicycle Pedestrian Facility**
Lowell Park
Kolliner Park

- No land acquisition
- Roadway pavements removed
- Trail alignment from East end of Lift Bridge to existing Highway 35 in Houlton
- Two trails parallel up the Wisconsin bluff
- Trail alignment entirely within existing STH 64 road right of way
- Lift Bridge converted to ped/bike facility
- City vehicles allowed limited access
Kolliner Park

- Parking area at top of Wisconsin bluff
- Removal of non-historic elements to mitigate for visual and bluff impacts of a new river crossing
- Landscaping and Revegetation through Visual Quality work to address bluff impacts
- Reversion to a natural state
- Temporary Occupancy to construct Loop Trail/Pavement Removal
Loop Trail Typical Section - Wisconsin Bluff
Kolliner Park Access
Loop Trail – Wisconsin Bluff
Loop Trail – STH 64/County E – Existing
Loop Trail – After Construction & Planting

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Project Development

- Supplemental Draft EIS – August 2004 – Draft 4(f)’s included
- Public Hearings – September 2004
- Since September 2004:
  - Minnesota Approach Layout Issues
  - Loop Trail Design
  - NPS – Wild and Scenic River Section 7(a) Review
  - Historic Properties – Section 106 MOA
  - Draft Section 7(a)
  - Draft Section 106 MOA
  - Final Section 4(f) – Letter of Agreement with City
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Project Website

http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stcroix/
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