

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LIMITED USE PERMIT**

County of St. Louis
LUP # 6910-0081
Permittee: City of Duluth
Expiration Date: 06/29/2035
Coop./Const. Agmt # N/A

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 161.434, the State of Minnesota, through its Commissioner of Transportation, ("MnDOT"), hereby grants a Limited Use Permit (the "LUP") to City of Duluth, ("Permittee"), to use the area within the right of way of Trunk Highway No. 23 as shown in red on Exhibit "A", (the "Area") attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. This Limited Use Permit is executed by the Permittee pursuant to resolution, a certified copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Amenities, Aesthetic or Beautification

The Permittee's use of the Area is limited to the operation and maintenance of an amenity zone and highway beatification as shown in red on Exhibit A ("Facility") and the use thereof may be further limited by 23 C.F.R. 652 also published as the Federal-Aid Policy Guide. The amenity zone may include the installation of plantings, planters, bollards, ornamental railings or fence and gates, tree grates, and minor/incidental landscaping, which may be placed and removed only by the Permittee, as shown on Exhibit A, and approved by MnDOT prior to installation.

The permittee agrees that this permit totally replaces and supersedes the previously issued permits affecting the Area, specifically: The first permit, #6910-0045, was issued on 04/23/2015 on CS 6910 (TH 23). Upon issuance of this permit each of these earlier issued permits are cancelled.

In addition, the following special provisions shall apply:

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. **TERM.** This LUP terminates at 11:59PM on 06/29/2035 ("Expiration Date") subject to the right of cancellation by MnDOT, with or without cause, by giving the Permittee ninety (90) days written notice of such cancellation. This LUP will not be renewed except as provided below.

Provided this LUP has not expired or terminated, MnDOT may renew this LUP for a period of up to ten (10) years, provided Permittee delivers to MnDOT, not later than ninety (90) days prior to

the Expiration Date, a written request to extend the term. Any extension of the LUP term will be under the same terms and conditions in this LUP, provided:

- (a) At the time of renewal, MnDOT will review the Facility and Area to ensure the Facility and Area are compatible with the safe and efficient operation of the highway and the Facility and Area are in good condition and repair. If, in MnDOT's sole determination, modifications and repairs to the Facility and Area are needed, Permittee will perform such work as outlined in writing in an amendment of this LUP; and
- (b) Permittee will provide to MnDOT a certified copy of the resolution from the applicable governmental body authorizing the Permittee's use of the Facility and Area for the additional term.

If Permittee's written request to extend the term is not timely given, the LUP will expire on the Expiration Date.

Permittee hereby voluntarily releases and waives all claims and causes of action for damages, costs, expenses, losses, fees, and compensation arising from or related to any cancellation or termination of this LUP by MnDOT. Permittee agrees that it will not make or assert any claims for damages, costs, expenses, losses, fees, and compensation based upon the existence, cancellation, or termination of the LUP. Permittee agrees not to sue or institute any legal action against MnDOT based upon any of the claims released in this paragraph.

2. **REMOVAL.** Upon the Expiration Date or earlier termination, at the Permittee's sole cost and expense Permittee will:

- (a) Remove the Facility and restore the Area to a condition satisfactory to the MnDOT District Engineer; and
- (b) Surrender possession of the Area to MnDOT.

If, without MnDOT's written consent, Permittee continues to occupy the Area after the Expiration Date or earlier termination, Permittee will remain subject to all conditions, provisions, and obligations of this LUP, and further, Permittee will pay all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, in any action brought by MnDOT to remove the Facility and the Permittee from the Area.

3. **CONSTRUCTION.** The construction, maintenance, and supervision of the Facility shall be at no cost or expense to MnDOT.

Before construction of any kind, the plans for such construction shall be approved in writing by the MnDOT's District Engineer. Approval in writing from MnDOT District Engineer shall be required for any changes from the approved plan.

The Permittee will construct the Facility at the location shown in the attached Exhibit "A", and in accordance with MnDOT-approved plans and specifications. Further, Permittee will construct

the Facility using construction procedures compatible with the safe and efficient operation of the highway.

Upon completion of the construction of the Facility, the Permittee shall restore all disturbed slopes and ditches in such manner that drainage, erosion control and aesthetics are perpetuated.

The Permittee shall preserve and protect all utilities located on the lands covered by this LUP at no expense to MnDOT and it shall be the responsibility of the Permittee to call the Gopher State One Call System at 1-800-252-1166 at least 48 hours prior to performing any excavation.

Any crossings of the Facility over the trunk highway shall be perpendicular to the centerline of the highway and shall provide and ensure reasonable and adequate stopping sight distance.

4. **MAINTENANCE.** Any and all maintenance of the Facility shall be provided by the Permittee at its sole cost and expense, including, but not limited to, plowing and removal of snow and installation and removal of regulatory signs. No signs shall be placed on any MnDOT or other governmental agency signpost within the Area. MnDOT will not mark obstacles for users on trunk highway right of way.
5. **USE.** Other than as identified and approved by MnDOT, no permanent structures or no advertising devices in any manner, form or size shall be allowed on the Area. No commercial activities shall be allowed to operate upon the Area.

Any use permitted by this LUP shall remain subordinate to the right of MnDOT to use the property for highway and transportation purposes. This LUP does not grant any interest whatsoever in land, nor does it establish a permanent park, recreation area or wildlife or waterfowl refuge. No rights to relocation benefits are established by this LUP.

This LUP is non-exclusive and is granted subject to the rights of others, including, but not limited to public utilities which may occupy the Area.

6. **APPLICABLE LAWS.** This LUP does not release the Permittee from any liability or obligation imposed by federal law, Minnesota Statutes, local ordinances, or other agency regulations relating thereto and any necessary permits relating thereto shall be applied for and obtained by the Permittee.

The Permittee must maintain the Area and Facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable law. If the Permittee fails to comply with the ADA and/or any other applicable law, MnDOT will provide the Permittee with written notice specifically describing the manner in which the Area and Facilities are not in compliance and citing the applicable law being violated. If the Permittee shall have 30 days to provide MnDOT a proposal that will remedy the violations and bring the Area and Facilities into compliance. If the Permittee fails to submit such proposal or if the proposal does not timely or adequately address

the violations, in MnDOT's sole discretion, MnDOT may enter the Area and perform such obligation without liability to Permittee for any loss or damage to Permittee thereby incurred, and Permittee shall reimburse MnDOT for the cost thereof, plus 10% of such cost for overhead and supervision within 30 days of receipt of MnDOT's invoice. This is not an agreement by MnDOT to take on Permittee's liability for Permittee's violation of the ADA or any applicable law. Permittee remains liable for any violation of the ADA or applicable law.

7. **CIVIL RIGHTS.** The Permittee for itself, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree that in the event improvements are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the Property described in this Limited Use Permit for a purpose for which a MnDOT activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the Permittee will maintain and operate such improvements and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or limited English proficiency will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said improvements.
8. **SAFETY.** MnDOT shall retain the right to limit and/or restrict any activity, including the parking of vehicles and assemblage of Facility users, on the highway right of way over which this LUP is granted, to maintain the safety of both the motoring public and Facility users.
9. **ASSIGNMENT.** No assignment of this LUP is allowed.
10. **IN WRITING.** Except for those which are set forth in this LUP, no representations, warranties, or agreements have been made by MnDOT or Permittee to one another with respect to this LUP.
11. **ENVIRONMENTAL.** The Permittee shall not dispose of any materials regulated by any governmental or regulatory agency onto the ground, or into any body of water, or into any container on the State's right of way. In the event of spillage of regulated materials, the Permittee shall notify in writing MnDOT's District Engineer and shall provide for cleanup of the spilled material and of materials contaminated by the spillage in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, at the sole expense of the Permittee.
12. **MECHANIC'S LIENS.** The Permittee (for itself, its contractors, subcontractors, its materialmen, and all other persons acting for, through or under it or any of them), covenants that no laborers', mechanics', or materialmen's liens or other liens or claims of any kind whatsoever shall be filed or maintained by it or by any subcontractor, materialmen or other person or persons acting for, through or under it or any of them against the work and/or against said lands, for or on account of any work done or materials furnished by it or any of them under any agreement or any amendment or supplement thereto.

13. NOTICES. All notices which may be given, by either party to the other, will be deemed to have been fully given when served personally on MnDOT or Permittee or when made in writing addressed as follows: to Permittee at:

City of Duluth
Attn: City Engineer
411 West 1st Street
Duluth, MN 55802

and to MnDOT at:

State of Minnesota
Department of Transportation
District 1 Right of Way
1123 Mesaba Avenue
Duluth, MN 55811

The address to which notices are mailed may be changed by written notice given by either party to the other.

14. INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE. Permittee shall indemnify, defend to the extent authorized by the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, hold harmless and release the State of Minnesota, its Commissioner of Transportation, employees, the FHWA, and any successors and assigns of the foregoing, from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action for injury to or death of persons or loss of or damage to property (including Permittee's property) occurring on the Area and Facility or arising out of or associated with Permittee's use and occupancy of the Area and Facility, regardless of whether such injury, death, loss, or damage (i) is caused in part by the negligence (but not the gross negligence or willful misconduct) of MnDOT or (ii) is deemed to be the responsibility of MnDOT because of its failure to supervise, inspect, or control the operations of Permittee or otherwise discover or prevent actions or operations of Permittee giving rise to liability to any person. Nothing in this LUP shall obligate Permittee to indemnify or save MnDOT harmless from (a) any gross negligence or willful misconduct of MnDOT or its employees, contractors, agents, or anyone for whom MnDOT is legally responsible, or (b) any claims, demands or causes of action not arising out of or associated with Permittee's occupancy or use of the Area and Facility.

Permittee hereby releases the State of Minnesota, its Commissioner of Transportation, employees, the FHWA, and any successors and assigns of the foregoing, from and against all claims, demands, suits, losses, costs, expenses, and causes of action for loss of or damages to the Area and Facility or to Permittee's property on or about the Area and Facility, except when such loss or damage is caused solely by the negligence of MnDOT or its employees, contractors, agents, or anyone for whom MnDOT is legally responsible.

MnDOT's liability is subject to the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minn. Stat. §3.736 and other applicable law.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

CITY OF DULUTH

OF TRANSPORTATION

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

By: _____

By: _____

District Engineer

Mayor

Date: _____

Attested: _____

City Clerk

APPROVED BY:

Date: _____

COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION

Approved as to form:

By: _____

Director, Office of Land Management

City Attorney

Date: _____

Countersigned:

The Commissioner of Transportation by the execution of this permit certifies that this permit is necessary in the public interest and that the use intended is for public purposes.

Auditor

EXHIBIT A
L.U.P. 6910-0045

