



**Council Agenda Item 25-0613R**

**MEETING DATE:** July 28, 2025

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PEC SOLUTIONS LLC FOR ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AT SPIRIT MOUNTAIN FOR THE NEW CHAIRLIFT INSTALLATION PROJECT

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kooper Andringa, Project Tech, Property & Facilities Management

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved Resolution 25-0081R - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LEITNER-POMA OF AMERICA, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW AERIAL SKI LIFT AT THE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

**BACKGROUND:** Spirit Mountain, a key outdoor recreation destination in Duluth, Minnesota, is undergoing a renewal project to modernize infrastructure, improve visitor experience, and ensure long-term sustainability. A central element of this effort is replacing two 50-year-old chairlifts that have reached the end of their operational lifespan.

The new lift installation requires updated electrical infrastructure to support modern systems. The existing layout, designed for the previous lifts, will be reconfigured to consolidate power from two mechanical rooms into a single site. This upgrade will support the new lift and serve as a centralized hub for hill-wide electrical services, including lighting and snowmaking.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** This contract is part of the state-supported \$26 million Spirit Mountain infrastructure reinvestment project. Like the overall \$26 million project, this \$199,969.00 contract expense will be paid for ½ by the State of Minnesota, ¼ by the City of Duluth, ¼ by Spirit Mountain.

**OPTIONS:** Approve the resolution and the current installation of the new chairlift at Spirit Mountain can continue as planned. If denied the project will be halted and delayed and Spirit Mountain will be at risk of proceeding into the 2025-2026 ski season without chairlift service for a significant portion of the mountain.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None