

RESOLUTION 20D-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENTS OVER OLD RAILROAD PROPERTY IN LINCOLN PARK TO THE CITY OF DULUTH.

RESOLVED, by the Duluth Economic Development Authority ("DEDA") that

1. DEDA has determined that the conveyance of easements as described in Exhibits A, B and C, attached hereto and made a part hereof, over the properties described therein to the City of Duluth is necessary to the transportation and utilities needs of Lincoln Park neighborhood and the city at large and is therefore in the best interests of the City and its people.

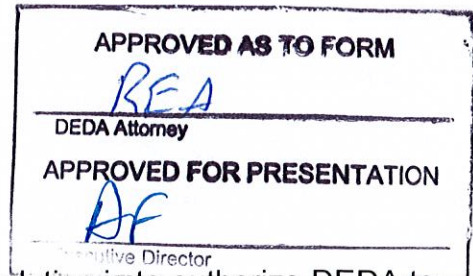
2. DEDA further finds that that the conveyance will further the general plan for economic development of the entire City.

3. The proper DEDA officials are hereby authorized convey the easements legally described in Exhibits A, B and C to the City of Duluth at no cost.

Approved by the Duluth Economic Development Authority this 22nd day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

Executive Director



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to authorize DEDA to convey easements over certain of its property in Lincoln Park to the City for road and utility purposes prior to considering conveyance of the remainder of DEDA's interest in the remainder of the property to MnDOT for its use in the redesign and reconstruction of the Twin Ports Interchange (the "can of worms").

The general location of the property affected by the proposed easements is east of Highway 53, south of Michigan Street and Lower Michigan Street, west of 20th Avenue West and north of I-35. It was originally acquired in the 1990's as part of the Soo Line Railroad property acquisition which facilitated the development of "Lower Michigan Street" through Lincoln Park.

MnDOT has determined that they need to acquire the underlying fee interest in the property as part of the Twin Ports Interchange redesign and reconstruction project. The City has need of the easements described above because the underlying property includes a small portion of Lower Michigan Street, has located upon it various City-owned utilities or involves easements originally reserved by DEDA for the Cross City trail.

As MnDOT needs the underlying property for the Twin Ports Interchange Project, DEDA needs to convey the subject easements to the City so that those interests are not lost.