



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE DULUTH REGIONAL EXCHANGE DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS OF MINNESOTA 2019, 1<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL SESSION CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 5(A).

### CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota legislature has passed Laws of Minnesota 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session Chapter 6, Article 10, Sections 5(a) (the "special law") making certain public infrastructure projects set forth therein eligible for reimbursement from certain state funds up to the amounts set forth in the special law with regard to each such project if approved by the Duluth city council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council does hereby approve of the following public infrastructure projects as part of the Duluth Regional Exchange District which are subject to reimbursement under the aforesaid Article 10 by the State up to the amounts as set forth in said Article 10 with regard to each such project:

- (1) two levels of expansion to an existing medical district parking ramp and skywalk replacement with reimbursement not to exceed \$13,010,000, including any land acquisition;
- (2) a ramp with up to 1,400 new parking stalls and a skywalk to serve medical entity west with reimbursement not to exceed \$36,400,000 including any land acquisition;
- (3) extension of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street with reimbursement not to exceed \$5,900,000 including any land acquisition;
- (4) demolition of existing hospital structure for site reuse, to accomplish the purposes in section 469.51, subdivision 2, with reimbursement not to exceed \$10,000,000;
- (5) roadway, utility and site improvements and capacity upgrades to support medical entity west hospital construction with reimbursement not to exceed \$11,410,000;
- (6) district energy connections, capacity enhancement, and a pressure pump station with reimbursement not to exceed \$7,000,000; and
- (7) a ramp with up to 400 new parking stall to serve medical entity east with reimbursement not to exceed \$14,000,000.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to approve the list of projects set forth in Section 5 (a) of the Regional Exchange District legislation, approved by the 2019 Legislature, as eligible for reimbursement by the State up to the amounts specified as part of the projects proposed by Essentia and St. Luke's in the medical district.

This resolution does not specifically commit the city to any of the listed projects. In order for the city to be committed to any of them, specific agreements and contracts would need to be negotiated or bid out as appropriate and those agreements and contracts would need to be approved by the city council. And of course, the resolutions approving those agreements and contracts would include the financial structure supporting them.

This resolution is necessitated by legislation in order to make the costs of those projects reimbursable by the State, up to the limits specified by the legislature.