



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JPA WITH MPCA ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT NO LESS THAN \$2,155,660 TO FUND PART OF THE COST OF MINNESOTA SLIP SEAWALL REPAIR.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into a joint powers agreement, substantially in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit A, with the Minnesota State Pollution Control Agency for repair of the seawall adjacent to Minnesota Slip and the DECC, and accepting a grant from that agency to pay a portion of the cost thereof in the amount no less than \$2,155,660, payable to Fund 450-030-4220-01 (Capital Improvement Fund, Finance, State of Minnesota Capital) Project CP-450-Seawall.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the city to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota State Pollution Control Agency as part of its long-range project to clean up contamination in the St. Louis River Estuary. In particular, this is part of a project to cap contaminated materials in Minnesota Slip.

The capping of contaminants in the Slip is a high priority for the Agency and they are prepared to undertake this part of the project. But in order to make it possible to successfully perform this work, it will be necessary to repair the seawalls on the west and north sides of the Slip, work that has long been on the City's list of work that needs to be done in the Harbor but for which the City has been unable to totally fund with its own resources. In addition, the Irvin must be temporarily relocated to provide access to work in the Slip.

In order to assist the City with its Slip Wall repair project and thereby make the capping project doable in 2018, the MPCA has agreed to provide the City with a grant in the amount no less than \$2,155,660 to be applied to the City's share of the costs. As the DECC will pay the cost of the moving of the Irvin, this will leave the City's match for the project at an estimated range of \$4.0 to \$4.5 million which will be financed by bonding payable from lodging tax receipts allocated to the DECC.