



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH SMDC MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MEDICAL DISTRICT PARKING RAMP SKYWALK.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, substantially in the form of that attached as Exhibit A, with SMDC Medical Center, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, for the demolition of the skywalk bridge between the Medical District Parking Ramp and the First Street Medical Clinic and its ultimate replacement with a skywalk bridge to the new St. Mary's Hospital as part of the Regional Exchange District Project.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to authorize an agreement with SMDC Medical Center ("SMDC") for the demolition of the existing skywalk bridge across Fourth Avenue East between the Medical District Parking Ramp and SMDC's First Street clinic building and to provide for its ultimate replacement with a bridge to the new hospital facility.

The key element of SMDC's part of the Regional Exchange District Project is the construction of a new hospital facility to replace the existing St. Mary's Hospital. The new building is to be located on the east side of Fourth Avenue East between Superior Street and Second Street. In order to prepare for that project, it is necessary to demolish structures presently located on that property which includes the westerly extensions of the First Street Medical Clinic facility. The skywalk from the Medical District Parking Ramp extends into that part of the clinic building and therefore has to be demolished in order to prepare for the building demolition work and the construction of the new hospital. The bridge was constructed by the city and is owned by it.

This agreement allows SMDC to demolish the skywalk now to make way for the construction on the east side of the street. It calls for provision to be made for access to the elevator and stair tower and pedestrian access from the ramp to the corner of First Street and Fourth Avenue East during the interim period. When construction has progressed to allow it, it requires SMDC to construct a new skywalk bridge to the new hospital, intended to coincide with the opening of the new hospital building.