

City of Duluth
411 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth hereby assures the restored Sargent Creek bridge will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years as required by the Regional Trail Grant Program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes application for a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Regional Trail Program grant for up to \$250,000 for restoration of the Stewart Creek Bridge as part of the larger Duluth Winnipeg Pacific ("DWP") multi-use trail system. The city intends to match the grant with \$200,000 from fund 452-030-HANDHTAX-1528-02.

The Sargent Creek Bridge formerly carried the DWP Railroad and is approximately 136 feet in length. Conversion of the bridge for trail use will include replacement of deteriorated decking, restoration of abutments and installation of cable railings for fall protection. Once restored, the bridge will provide a critical link to the accessible Duluth Winnipeg Pacific ("DWP") multi-use trail and allow trail users to travel from Spirit Mountain to Becks Road.

In the council approved 2017 St. Louis River Corridor Trails Plan, this section of the DWP rail bed is planned for use by bikers, walkers and equestrians. The trail will benefit a diverse user group and serve as a critical connection to the Superior Hiking Trail and Duluth Traverse multi-use bike trail.