



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA AUTHORITY FOR TRAIL CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALL-WEATHER BIKING TRAIL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,000.

### CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into and execute an agreement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1, with Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority, for construction of Phase 1 of an all-weather biking trail. City shall be responsible to pay for the materials and equipment rental in connection with the project in an amount not to exceed \$72,000; payments to be made from Fund 452-030-5530-HANDHTAX-1518.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the city of Duluth ("City") to enter into an agreement with Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority ("Authority") for construction of Phase 1 of an all-weather biking trail at Spirit Mountain Recreation Area. An all-weather bike trail is constructed to support use in all conditions without incurring damage. An all-weather bike trail is important to Duluth and Spirit Mountain's growing status as a national mountain bike destination because it ensures that out-of-town cyclists will have a place to ride during their visit regardless of the weather.

In 2015, Council preliminarily approved the all-weather bike trail as one of the St. Louis River Corridor projects and preliminarily allotted \$150,000 of half and half proceeds to the work. The trail was also approved by Council in 2017 in the Duluth Traverse Mini-Master Plan.

The City and the Authority will each contribute the equivalent of \$72,000 to the project. The City's contribution will be in the form of equipment and materials. The Authority's contribution will be primarily in the form of project labor.

The proposed trail alignment is depicted in red on the attached Exhibit 2. Phase 2 shown in purple is planned for 2018 and/or 2019 construction. An estimated budget for the project is attached as Exhibit 3.