

# Council Agenda Item 26-0576R



**MEETING DATE:** June 29, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR STREET AND UTILITY PURPOSES FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CHESTER PARK-UMD NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY

**SUBMITTED BY:** Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** This resolution authorizes the acceptance of a permanent easement for street and utility purposes from the Regents of the University of Minnesota (the “University”) over, under, and across certain property in the Chester Park-UMD neighborhood, at no cost to the City. The easement areas accepted under this resolution are depicted as “Parcel A” and “Parcel E” on Exhibit C attached to Exhibit 1. Parcel E of the easement area is more commonly known as the north half of College St., an existing street.

Later this year, the City will be reconstructing College Street between Junction Avenue and Woodland Avenue (the “Project”). The Project includes utility work, a new shared-use path, and sidewalk and stormwater improvements.

The City’s real estate records were reviewed during the design phase of the Project, and it was discovered that there were areas within the University’s property that contained a road and/or utilities that did not have a valid easement (there are various stretches within the Project where the City does have an easement). The City and University have worked together since the 1950’s to clean up the missing easements, but no agreements have ever been finalized or signed. This easement creates the proper rights for the north half of College Street, approximately between Junction Ave. and W. Clover St.

The acceptance of this easement allows: (i) the City to complete the Project, (ii) the City to accept local road improvement grant funds from the State of Minnesota for the construction of the Project, and (iii) for public use of the reconstructed street and provision of utilities.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** None if accepted

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**OPTIONS:** Accept the permanent easement so the City can complete the Project and have the necessary rights in the right-of-way or the City will be unable to complete the Project and there will be no public rights in the north half of College St. between Junction Avenue and W. Clover St.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve resolution

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit 1, Easement Agreement