

Council Agenda Item 25-039-O



MEETING DATE: December 15, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES OVER CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

SUBMITTED BY: Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this ordinance is to dedicate a perpetual easement for highway purposes across certain city-owned property near London Road and 27th Ave. East at the Lakewalk Trailhead.

The easement consists of two areas: (i) a 10 x 100 foot strip of land abutting the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation's ("MnDOT") right-of-way for London Road ("Easement Area 1") and (ii) a 50 x 115 foot strip of land adjacent to 27th Ave. E. ("Easement Area 2"). Easement Area 1 and Easement Area 2 are collectively referred to as the "Easement Area."

Easement Area 1 is needed to be dedicated in connection with MnDOT's upcoming project for London Rd. so that MnDOT can take over it through Commissioner's Orders. The Second Easement Area is need by MnDOT for the same purposes, but also for the City in connection with its upcoming project for Lakewalk reconstruction and shoreline resiliency work funded under a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant from the United States Department of Transportation.

The granting of this easement allows both the City and MnDOT to have the proper real estate interests required to complete its respective projects. Although there can be a natural disruption to use of an area during construction, there are no long-term impacts to the Lakewalk Trailhead by the granting of this easement.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: No

OPTIONS: Approve resolution so that the City and MnDOT have the proper real estate interests required to complete its respective projects or risk negative impacts to both projects

NECESSARY ACTION: Dedicate easement via ordinance

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A, Legal Description and Depiction of Easement Area; Exhibit B, Map Depicting Easement Area with Aerial Imagery