

***A Resolution Regarding the MPRB Grand Rounds Missing Link Phase 1 Project***

Date: April 20, 2026

Motion: Moved by: Henrik Kowalkowski Seconded by: Clara Sandberg

WHEREAS; The Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board will be constructing Phase 1 of the Grand Rounds Missing Link project in 2028; and,

WHEREAS; The identified "Segment 2: Mid City" section of the Grand Rounds Missing Link corridor, running from Broadway St NE & Industrial Blvd to 27<sup>th</sup> Ave SE & E Hennepin Ave, has been selected for construction as Phase 1; and,

WHEREAS; During the March 16, 2026, Hennepin County ATC meeting a proposed 30-35% corridor design was shown along Industrial Blvd that includes a roadway footprint reduction to 2 through lanes, 12-foot dedicated bike facility, 8 foot pedestrian path, significantly widened boulevard space, restored prairie and savannah habitat, raised crossings, 6 foot soft-surface trail, and other green infrastructure and multimodal improvements; and,

WHEREAS; A proposed 30-35% corridor design was likewise shown along E Hennepin Ave that includes a 12-foot shared use path and 6-foot boulevard on the South side of the corridor; and,

WHEREAS; The project matches into both the recently completed E Hennepin Avenue reconstruction to the West and MnDOT's 2028 reconstruction of E Hennepin Avenue; and,

WHEREAS; The project will substantially improve safety and comfort for people walking, biking, and rolling along this corridor; and,

WHEREAS; Ongoing funding support in the form of state bonding and MPRB regional park dollars have been and continue to be secured to ensure future phases will come to fruition; and,

WHEREAS; The Grand Rounds Missing Link project hopes to end a 140+ year trail gap, with Phase 1 of construction representing the first step in completing the Grand Rounds Trail system originally envisioned during the founding of the City of Minneapolis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That the Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports the construction of the Grand Rounds Missing Link Phase 1 project with the multimodal safety and comfort improvements presented. The ATC is especially supportive of the separated bike facility, boulevard space, and raised crossings along Industrial Blvd.



Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Ryan Mckee – District 4	Absent
Nicole Armstrong – District 1	Absent	Henrik Kowalkowski – District 5	Aye
Seth Stattmiller – District 2	Absent	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Absent	Scott Zerby – District 6	Aye
Ethan Kleinbaum – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
Sam Gallagher – District 4	Aye	Clara Sandberg – District 7	Aye