

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**  
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## **Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for Garlough/Marthalder River to River Trail Design**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Dakota County's master plan shows the River-to-River Regional Trail running from Mendota Heights through West St. Paul and South St. Paul. There are still a few gaps through West St. Paul that need to be constructed. For example, the Robert Street underpass, which is a key crossing of the busy state highway, will be under construction very soon. Another gap is through Garlough and Marthalder Parks.

In 2017, a preliminary engineering trail study was completed which looked at the potential routes through the two parks and identified challenges, such as significant grade changes. At this time, completing the final alignment and plans/specifications would set this project up for construction once funding is available.

A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is required between the City and County to define costs and project management responsibilities for final design. The City will lead final design and will be securing a design consultant in the near future. The current timeline has final plans completed early in 2021.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City will contribute \$15,000 and the County will pay up to \$60,000 for the final design costs. The \$15,000 will come from the City's Park Fund.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for Garlough/Marthalder River to River Trail design, City Project 21-3.

Attachment: JPA with Dakota County for Garlough/Marthalder Trail Design