

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

AN ACTION, RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6.2(j), of the City Charter, there is herewith submitted to you, the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, an action, resolution or ordinance adopted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board which you may approve by affixing your signature herein below or if you disapprove of same to return to the Board, with your objection thereto, by depositing the same with the Secretary of the Board to be presented to the Board at their next meeting where the question of its passage will be put again before the Board.

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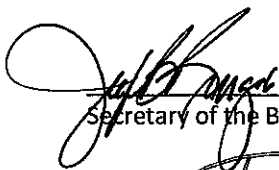
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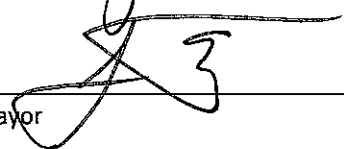
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PASSED May 20, 2026

☒ APPROVED

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Secretary of the Board


Mayor

Offered by: *Hedra Deshpande*

Seconded by: *Dan Ruyelhart*

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Whereas, MnDOT recently issued statements to the public that it would close the left turn lane at the intersection of northbound Highway 280 and Broadway Street Northeast as part of its reconstruction of Highway 280 from Interstate I-94 to State Highway 36;

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has for over 100 years sought to complete the Grand Rounds Missing Link through Southeast and Northeast communities in Minneapolis, connecting those communities with the entire 54-mile Grand Rounds system, realizing Horace Cleveland's vision of a continuous parkway system;

Whereas, Highway 280 lies entirely in Ramsey County and therefore is outside the jurisdiction of the City of Minneapolis, yet it runs parallel to the proposed Grand Rounds Missing Link route through Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis and serves tens of thousands of Minneapolis residents and businesses;

Whereas, Broadway Street Northeast between Highway 280 and Stinson Boulevard, according to the City of Minneapolis traffic map, has a traffic count of over 15,000 vehicles daily and East Hennepin Avenue between Highway 280 and Stinson Boulevard has a traffic count of over 19,000 vehicles daily, constituting heavy traffic use on urban streets;

Whereas, The Broadway Street Northeast interchange at Highway 280 currently allows for a significant amount of traffic to continue in an east to west direction, serving important destinations in the Mid City Industrial area such as Costco, UPS, Monarch Bus Transportation and other local businesses;

Whereas, The Mid City Industrial area is the primary and largest contiguous industrial area in Minneapolis, serving businesses throughout the metropolitan area;

Whereas, MnDOT's determination to remove the left turn lane on Highway 280 at Broadway Street Northeast could significantly increase traffic volume of eastbound traffic on East Hennepin Avenue from Highway 280;

Whereas, Removing the left turn lane on Highway 280 at Broadway Street Northeast could also increase the traffic volume by a significant amount on the northbound traffic lane of Industrial Boulevard from East Hennepin to Broadway Street Northeast;

Whereas, MPRB has received \$5.5 million from the State of Minnesota to proceed with the redesign of Industrial Boulevard to be part of the Grand Rounds system through the efforts of Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Reps. Sydney Jordan and Mohamud Noor;

Whereas, Increasing the traffic flow from Highway 280 onto Hennepin Avenue could also overburden the Como Neighborhood in Minneapolis and bring undesired traffic volume into a community that has always struggled with its industrial neighbors, especially because Hennepin County recently narrowed Hennepin Avenue from a four-lane road to a two-lane road;

Whereas, MPRB has always attempted to be a collaborative partner with MnDOT through multiple projects, including granting multiple US DOT 4(f) approvals for road designs that MnDOT has sought involving protected parklands;

Whereas, MnDOT did not engage in a public consultation process with Minneapolis neighborhoods, communities, citizens, or the elected governmental units in Hennepin County, including MPRB, about this decision;

Whereas, MnDOT claims that the closure of the left turn lane from Highway 280 to Broadway is a necessary traffic safety measure, however MnDOT has not taken available proactive safety actions, including providing signaling for southbound traffic on Highway 280, advising drivers by means of flashing lights and other street markings as to the presence of an upcoming traffic stop light;

Whereas, Such proactive safety signaling regularly occurs throughout state highways on other high volume roads;

Whereas, MnDOT has not undertaken efforts to design a flyover left turn at Highway 280 and Broadway Street, which could address safety concerns;

Whereas, The Como neighborhood of Minneapolis and other Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis communities have been underserved by parks and the Grand Rounds system for over a century;

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board requests MnDOT to explore options to maintain left turn lane access from Highway 280 onto Broadway Street Northeast to not interfere with the design or potential future enjoyment of the Missing Link connection to the Grand Rounds system;

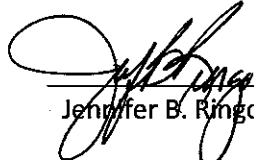
RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Governor Tim Walz, MnDOT commissioner Nancy Daubenberger, the Minneapolis legislative delegation, the City Council and Mayor of Lauderdale, the City Council and Mayor of Roseville, the Minneapolis City Council, and the Como neighborhood organization, to alert them as to this change by MnDOT; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Adopted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
In formal meeting assembled on May 20, 2026

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Abene		X		
Carvajal Moran	X			
Deshpande	X			
Engelhart	X			
Forney		X		
Frederick	X			
Garcia	X			
Olsen	X			
Rucker	X			

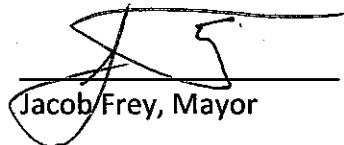

Tom Olsen, President


Jennifer B. Ringold, Secretary

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Mayor Action:


Jacob Frey, Mayor

MAY 27 2022

Date