A Resolution of Support for Completion of the Cedar Lake Trail in the City of Minneapolis

DATE: Monday, February 28, 2005
MOTION: Moved by John Richter, seconded by J. Skalbeck.

Whereas, the Cedar Lake Trail has been in existence for 16 years; and
Whereas, this trail has been 5,000 feet short of completion for all this time; and
Whereas, from its onset this project has been and continues to be an example of successful public-private partnership; and
Whereas, this proposed segment of trail is a critical link and the most direct connection between the Minneapolis Grand Rounds trail system and the West River Road trail; and
Whereas, this trail has gained national recognition as the country’s first “bike highway”; and
Whereas, $3 million in Federal funding for completion of this trail is currently proposed in H.R. 3, the reauthorization of TEA-21; and
Whereas, the railway alignment for the completion of the Cedar Lake Trail is supported by the Cedar Lake Park Association, Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee; and
Whereas, the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the construction of on-road and off-road bicycle facilities for cyclists of all abilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners support HF3, Section 7, Subd. 13, which provides $500,000 in matching funds for completion of the railway alignment of the Cedar Lake Trail from Washington Avenue (CSAH 152) to the Mississippi River.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 6 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee

J. Skalbeck, Vice Chair, Dist. 1  Yea  Dave Gepner, Dist. 5  Absent
John T. Richter, Dist. 2  Yea  Ray Samide, Dist. 6  Yea
Dave Carlson, Chair, Dist. 3  Yea  Greg Anderson, Dist. 7  Yea
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  Yea

RESOLUTION ADOPTED  February 28, 2005  Attest:  Ned Nelson, SET  Staff Liaison to the BAC