



Carver County Board of Commissioners  
 January 20, 2015  
 Regular Session  
 County Board Room  
 Carver County Government Center  
 Human Services Building  
 Chaska, Minnesota

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5:05 p.m.            **ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION**

5:05 p.m.            **BOARD REPORTS**

1.     Chair
2.     Board Members
3.     Administrator
4.     Adjourn

David Hemze  
County Administrator

<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS</b>
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January 20, 2015	5:00 p.m. Carver Station Dedication Ceremony
January 27, 2015	7:30 a.m. Carver County Leaders Meeting
January 27, 2015	9:00 a.m. Board Work Session
January 27, 2015	7:00 p.m. Carver County Township Association Meeting
February 3, 2015	9:00 a.m. Board Meeting
February 10, 2015	No Meeting
February 17, 2015	4:00 p.m. Board Meeting
February 24, 2015	9:00 a.m. Board Work Session

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION  
January 6, 2015

Commissioners Gayle Degler, James Ische, Tim Lynch, Randy Maluchnik and Tom Workman met in session this day as required by law for organizational purposes for the year 2015.

The session was called to order by County Administrator, David Hemze, at 9:01 a.m.

Degler nominated Randy Maluchnik to serve as Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. Lynch seconded the nomination. On vote taken to elect Randy Maluchnik as Chair for 2015, all voted aye.

Chair Maluchnik requested nominations for Vice Chair. Degler nominated James Ische as Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. Lynch seconded the nomination. On vote taken to elect James Ische as Vice Chair for 2015, all voted aye.

Under public comments, Denny Laufenburger, Chanhassen Mayor Elect, thanked the Board for their cooperation with the City of Chanhassen over the last 12 years. He recognized Commissioners Degler and Workman for representing and working on behalf of Chanhassen residents. He hoped to continue the City's partnership that they have enjoyed with the Board and staff. Laufenburger requested that the Board keep the City in mind as they considered the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Hemze requested the Board adopt their 2015 Board Operating Rules and noted minor changes.

Ische moved, Degler seconded, to adopt the 2015 Board Operating Rules as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Hemze requested the Board adopt their meeting schedule for 2015. He reviewed the proposed schedule and indicated additional meetings can be added to those listed. He explained committee of the whole meetings were eliminated as these issues could be discussed at a work session.

Workman moved, Ische seconded, to adopt the 2015 Board meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ische moved, Degler seconded, to approve the following Commissioner appointments:

Area Agency on Aging	Maluchnik
Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors	Ische, Alt. Degler
AMC Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee	Ische
AMC General Government Policy Committee	Degler
AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee	Lynch
AMC Public Safety Policy Committee	Maluchnik
AMC Transportation Policy Committee	Workman

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CAP Agency Board of Directors	Degler
Carver County Arts Committee	Lynch & Workman
Carver County CDA	Maluchnik, Liaison
Carver County Leaders (formerly ACCEL)	Maluchnik & Lynch
Community Leaders (Eastern)	Degler, Maluchnik, Workman
Counties Transit Improvement Board	Maluchnik
County and Union Leaders Group	Maluchnik & Lynch
Courts Committee	Ische & Degler, Alt. Lynch
CROW Joint Powers Board	Lynch, Alt. Ische
Fair Board	Ische, Alt. Lynch, Liaisons
Historical Society Committee	Maluchnik, Alt. Lynch
Insurance Advisory Committee	Maluchnik
Law Library Board	Degler
Legislative Committee	Maluchnik & Workman
Library Board	Degler, Liaison, Alt Workman
Lower Minnesota River Watershed	Maluchnik & Degler, Liaisons
MELSA	Degler
Metro Alliance for Healthy Families Joint Powers Board	Workman
Metro GIS Policy Board	Maluchnik, Alt. Peter Henschel
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board	Ische & Degler
Metropolitan Emergency Services Executive Board	Ische, Alt Degler
Metropolitan Emergency Services Radio Technical Operations Committee	Susan Bowler, Alt. Peter Sauter
Metropolitan Emergency Services 911 Technical Operations	Susan Bowler, Alt. Deb Paige
Minnesota Inter-County Association	Degler & Maluchnik
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Maluchnik & Workman, Liaisons
Minnesota Extension Committee	Degler & Lynch
Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority	Workman, Alt. Maluchnik
Mosquito Control District	Ische & Workman
Park Commission	Lynch, Liaison
Planning Commission	Ische, Alt. Lynch
Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed	Workman & Degler, Liaisons
Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board	Workman & Ische
Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition	Workman & Maluchnik, Alt. Degler
State CHS Advisory Committee (SCHSAC)	Marcee Shaughnessy, Alt. Maluchnik
Suburban County Representatives	Maluchnik & Workman
Transportation Advisory Board – TAB	Maluchnik, Alt. Workman
WENR Committee	Lynch, Alt. Ische
Ditches	
Joint Ditch #1	Ische, Lynch, Degler
Joint Ditch #2	Ische, Degler
Joint Ditch #3	Ische
Joint Ditch #4	Ische, Lynch, Workman
Joint Ditch #5	Ische, Lynch, Maluchnik

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Joint Ditch #21      Ische, Lynch, Workman, Degler  
Joint Ditch #22      Ische, Lynch, Maluchnik  
Joint Ditch #24      Ische, Lynch, Degler  
Joint Ditch #28      Ische

Voting members to the Association of Minnesota Counties:

Gayle Degler	Randy Maluchnik	James Ische
Tim Lynch	Tom Workman	Lyndon Robjent
David Hemze	Gary Bork	

MCIT Voting Delegates:

David Hemze  
Sonja Wolter, Alt.

Appointments to Minnesota Counties Computer Consortium:

Melissa Reeder  
Alt – Dave Frischmon      Alt – Laurie Engelen

Appointment as County's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Requestor:

Gayle Degler  
David Hemze  
Randy Wolf

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered appointments to various advisory committees.

The Board agreed to hold appointments to the Arts Committee.

Degler moved, Ische seconded, to appoint Sarah Carlson to the Carver County Community Development Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

Ische moved, Degler seconded, to appoint Wayne Mortenson to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Degler seconded, to appoint Linnea Chrest to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to appoint Georgiann Keyport to the Extension Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Degler seconded, to appoint Kathy Watson to the Extension Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Degler moved, Ische seconded, to appoint Rick Carlson to the Extension Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

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Degler moved, Ische seconded, to appoint Curt Kobilarcsik to the Park Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ische moved, Lynch seconded, to appoint Ron Trick to the Park Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Ische seconded, to appoint Gerald Bruner to the Personnel Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Ische seconded, to appoint Jim Burns to the Carver County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Degler moved, Workman seconded, to appoint Audrey Kramer to the Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Degler seconded, to appoint Trevor Kruger to the Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Ische moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ische moved, Degler seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Amendment to grant agreement SG 2011-106 pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved the 2015 police services contract for the Cities of Chanhassen, Carver, Cologne, Hamburg, Mayer, New Germany, Norwood Young America, Victoria, Waconia and Watertown and the Township of Laketown.

Grant amendment for park improvements and authorized the Chair to sign pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved grant SG 2014-056 with the Metropolitan Council and authorized the Chair to sign the agreement pending finalization of the contract review process and related Parks budget amendment.

Reviewed December 23, 2014, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$370,267.16; reviewed December 30, 2014 Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$1,089,500.40, and January 6, 2015, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$365,789.60.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to adjourn as the Carver County Board and convene as the Carver County Regional Rail Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Ische seconded, to appoint Randy Maluchnik as Chair, James Ische as Vice Chair and Gayle Degler as Secretary/Treasurer of the Carver County Regional Rail Authority for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

The Carver County Regional Rail Authority adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

David Hemze  
County Administrator

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Authorization for 2015 Park Promotions/Donations & Administrative Passes**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <input type="text" value="Public Works - Parks"/>	Meeting Date: <input type="text" value="1/20/2015"/>
Contact: <input type="text" value="Sam Pertz"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Parks &amp; Trails Supervisor"/>	Item Type: Consent <input type="text"/>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text"/> minutes Presenter: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

**Strategic Initiative:**  
 Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services and information

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Parks Department requests authorization to distribute park services and products as a low cost means to promote the park system, recognize volunteer service, and support charitable events in the community. Up to five (5) shelter rentals, fifteen (15) two night campground reservations, thirty (30) annual vehicle permits and \$200.00 in recreation program/event vouchers could be distributed in 2015. Examples of where redeemable vouchers for services or products could be disseminated include but are not limited to: park programs/special events; drawings at park system; display exhibits in local communities and to local non-profits seeking donations.

Redeemable vouchers for services and products such as shelter rentals, weekend camping stays and annual permits may be awarded to someone who has provided significant volunteer service to the County.

In addition, the department requests authorization to distribute annual park passes to the below groups in order for them to have access to the park areas as a part of providing appointed, elected and administrative oversight for parks.

- Board of Commission Members (5)
- Park Commission Members (7)
- Administrative Staff (4)

The Board has approved requests for promotions, donations and administrative passes in previous years.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorize the Parks & Trails Supervisor to carry out promotions, and provide donations and administrative passes.

<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="Included in current budget"/> If "Other", specify: <input type="text"/>	<b>FUNDING</b> County Dollars = <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/> <input type="text"/> <b>Total</b> <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
<b>FTE IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="None"/>	
<b>QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:</b> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

No hard cost are identified for donation of items. Soft costs associated with the donation of items includes staff time and some material supplies.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**2014 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: Sheriff

Meeting

Date: 1/20/2015

Contact: Deb Paige Title: Commander

Item Type:

Consent

Amount of Time Requested: minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter: Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

This Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant was awarded by the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety - Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division. This will be the third time that Carver County Emergency Management has been awarded this grant. The grants funds may be used to fund (FTE/PTE/Paid on Call/Intern & Contracted vendor) for planning activities as it relates to all 5 mission areas – prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery.

Funds may be used for educational opportunities such as conferences, workshops and seminars which will allow for various personnel to learn best practices in preparing for, responding to & recovering from disasters. Additional investments would be for public education & citizen preparedness initiatives to improve the resiliency of our communities through activities to expand individual, family, & business emergency & terrorism prevention awareness based on the Whole Community Approach.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to authorize the Division to contract with the State of Minnesota, Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, subject to contract review by the County Attorney's Office and Risk Management.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Budget amendment request form

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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2014 UASI Grant	\$55,000.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>
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**FTE IMPACT:** None

**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:** N/A

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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# Budget Amendment Request Form



**Agenda Item:**

2014 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

Department:  
t:

Meeting Date: 1/20/2015

Requested By:

Deb Paige

Fund:

- 01 - General
- 03 - Public Works
- 11 - CSS
- 15 - CCRRA
- 30 - Building CIP
- 32 - Road/Bridge CIP
- 34 - Parks & Trails

Description of Accounts	Acct #	Amount
Training	01-201-280-1913-63...	\$5,000.00
Equipment	01-201-280-1913-64...	\$50,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$55,000.00

Description of Accounts	Acct #	Amount
Emergency Services (CFDA 97.067)	01-201-280-1913-54...	\$55,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$55,000.00

**Reason for Request:**

Addition of grant revenue and expenditure to the 2015 budget for Emergency Management

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**Agenda Item:**

**Professional Services Agreement with Bolton and Menk, Inc. for CSAH 14 Traffic Signal Improvements**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting  
Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:  
Consent

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

Strategic Initiative:

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The County has been awarded federal HSIP funding for signal system improvements on the CSAH 14 corridor east of State Highway 41 including pedestrian countdown timers, confirmation lights, flashing yellow arrows, timing improvements to accommodate pedestrians, and ADA upgrades to ensure compliance. The project is scheduled for 2015.

Bolton and Menk, Inc. will perform design and environmental documentation for these improvements and this contract will satisfy the design requirements for the approval by the Office of State Aid to utilize the federal funds.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve a professional services agreement with Bolton and Menk, Inc. pending finalization of the contract review process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

CSAH (Gas Tax etc)

**Total**

**FTE IMPACT:**

**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:**

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Purchase of property located in Laketown Twp, MN, PID #07.0191200 for CSAH 92**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting  
Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

Growth: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

On November 4, 2014 the County Board directed the Public Works Division Director or his designated staff to proceed with negotiations for the purchase of the property located at PID #07.0191200, Laketown Township, MN, owned by Earl H. Klein and Bernadette M. Klein. Negotiations have resulted in a purchase price for the property, subject to board approval. This property purchase provides the County with needed right-of-way for the future expansion of CSAH 92 between CSAH 10 and State Highway 5.

Purchase price of the property is \$195,000.00 plus closing costs estimated to be \$2,000.00.

The closing for the purchase of this property is scheduled to be no later than February 27, 2015.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the purchase of PID #07.0191200 and authorize the Public Works Division Director, or his designee, to proceed with signing acquisition documents on behalf of Carver County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:**

**Total**

**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:**

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

The County dollars are a combination of 2014 County Program Aid and levy. The purchase will likely be eligible for CSAH reimbursement in the future.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Classify Three Social Worker I's as Social Worker II**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting  
Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

Strategic Initiative:

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Child & Family Department in the Division has a Social Worker II that conducts relative searches and two Social Worker I's (1.0 FTE and .65 FTE) that license child and adult family foster homes and one Social Worker I (1.0 FTE) that licenses family day care homes. Dan Koziolk, Child & Family Manager has proposed that these separate job functions be combined into a Family Resource Social Worker. The law requires the Division to look for relative placements for children that need to be placed. By combining the functions the same worker can look for relatives and if necessary place the children in a non-relative foster home. When the worker finds an appropriate relative, that same worker can initiate the foster care licensing study with the relative and follow through until placement. Currently, the foster care licensing is handed off from the Social Worker II to the Social Worker I. The Division included all three of it's Social Worker I's in the new Family Resource Social Worker.

The revised Job Description for a Family Resource Social Worker was created and forwarded to Bjorklund Compensation Consulting for review. The position was graded at Pay Grade 13 which is the Social Worker II classification. The Division is requesting that the current 2.65 FTE Social Worker I's be reclassified to a Social Worker II (Family Resource Social Worker).

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

To reclassify two 1.0 FTE and one .65 FTE Social Worker I's to a Social Worker II (Family Resource Social Worker) to be effective the start of the first payroll period following approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**FUNDING**

If "Other", specify:

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:**

**Total**

**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:**

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

The Social Worker I Classification is at Pay Grade 12 and the Social Worker II Classification is at Pay Grade 13. The difference between the two grades is \$2.09 per hour or \$4,347 at the mid-point.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Abatements/Additions**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting

Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Consent

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Presenter:  Title:

Attachments:  Yes  No

**Strategic Initiative:**

Finances: Improve the County's financial health and economic profile

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Abatements requested by taxpayers. See attached listing.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Recommend to approve.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<b>\$1,792.95</b>
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Other	\$4,939.29
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**FTE IMPACT:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,732.24</b>
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**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:**

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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**CARVER  
COUNTY**

Property Records & Taxpayer Services  
Division  
Government Center - Administration Building  
600 East 4th Street  
Chaska, MN 55318-2102

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Phone: (952) 361-1907  
Email: ldavies@co.carver.mn.us

Angela Johnson, Carver County Assessor  
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Email: ajohnson@co.carver.mn.us

**Abatements presented to the  
Carver County Board of Commissioners  
January 20, 2015**

**Abatement approval is recommended by the Carver County Assessor & Taxpayer Services Manager on the following properties for the reasons listed.**

Payable Year	Parcel Number	Name	Reason for Abatement	Original Tax Amount	Adjusted Tax Amount	Total Amount of Tax Adjustment	Reduction in Penalties and/or Interest Paid	Total Amount of Adjustment	County Dollars Abated
2014	85.9520020	Unoccupied Pad	Exempt	\$ 214.00	\$ -	\$ (214.00)	\$ -	\$ (214.00)	\$ (47.52)
2014	30.9520091	Celin Roberto Caballero Herrera	Homestead	\$ 90.00	\$ 68.00	\$ (22.00)	\$ -	\$ (22.00)	\$ (8.04)
2014	11.0281700	Rita M. Boettcher	Homestead - linked to parcel below	\$ 790.00	\$ 790.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2014	45.0750010	Rita M. Boettcher	Homestead	\$ 2,374.00	\$ 1,994.00	\$ (380.00)	\$ -	\$ (380.00)	\$ (86.94)
2014	30.5910250	Matthew P. & Sarah E. Zeiher	Homestead	\$ 4,708.00	\$ 4,610.00	\$ (98.00)	\$ -	\$ (98.00)	\$ (36.30)
2014	20.1400220	Eric D. Harder	Homestead	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,732.00	\$ (168.00)	\$ -	\$ (168.00)	\$ (50.97)
2014	20.1130500	Carver County CDA	Exempt	\$ 5,022.00	\$ -	\$ (5,022.00)	\$ -	\$ (5,022.00)	\$ (1,373.02)
2014	85.0500100	David & Wendelyn Reuter	Fire	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 3,044.00	\$ (232.00)	\$ -	\$ (232.00)	\$ (56.82)
2014	58.7350180	Matthew S. Luebke	Fire	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 1,346.00	\$ (164.00)	\$ -	\$ (164.00)	\$ (48.64)
2014	40.4400120	M. John Ahrendt	Homestead	\$ 3,354.00	\$ 3,078.00	\$ (276.00)	\$ (156.24)	\$ (432.24)	\$ (84.70)
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>\$ 26,238.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,662.00</b>	<b>\$ (6,576.00)</b>	<b>\$ (156.24)</b>	<b>\$ (6,732.24)</b>	<b>\$ (1,792.95)</b>

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Advisory Committee Appointments**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: Administration (County)

Meeting

Date: 1/20/2015

Contact: Dave Hemze Title: County Administrator

Item Type:

Regular Session

Amount of Time Requested: 5 minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter: Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services and information

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

At the Board's Organizational Session, various advisory committee appointments were made. Time is being set aside on today's agenda to allow the Board to make any additional appointments they are prepared to make.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to appoint applicants.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Included in current budget

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**Total** \$0.00

**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:** N/A

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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**CARVER COUNTY CITIZEN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS**

**ARTS COMMITTEES**

Current members – none, new committee

**Current Vacancies – Two at large**

**Applicants:**

Christin Congdon- Commissioner District 2

Lorraine Brady- Commissioner District 3

Lucille (Mary Lou) Jirik – Commissioner District 4

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (5-year terms)**

**Current members:**

Sarah Carlson – Commissioner District 1

Michael Schachterle - Commissioner District 2

Darrel Sudheimer - Commissioner District 4

LaVonne Kroells -Commissioner District 5

**Current vacancy 1: Unexpired term in District 3**

**Applicants:**

Molly Koivumaki – Commissioner District 3

**PLANNING COMMISSION (3-year terms)**

**Current members:**

Frank Mendez - Commissioner District 2

Robert McNulty - Commissioner District 3

Jim Burns – Commissioner District 4

John Fahey - Commissioner District 5

Mark Williams - Township Representative

**Current vacancy: Commissioner District 1**

**Applicants:**

None

**WATER- ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (3-year terms)**

**Current members:**

John Siegfried – Commissioner District 1

Katie Mahannah – Commissioner District 2

Audrey Kramer – Resides District 1, Represents Commissioner District 3

Trevor Kruger – Commissioner District 4

Virgil Stender – Commissioner District 5

Scott Smith - Representing E/W Carver Creek

David Daubert - Representing Carver Creek

Warren Flusemann - Representing Bevans Creek

Hilary Dress – Township Official

**Vacancies 2: Representative from Crow River Watershed and one township official**

**Applicants:**

**None**

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Public Hearing - Amendment to the Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: Public Health & Environment - Planning & Water Mgm

Meeting

Date: 1/20/2015

Contact: Paul Moline

Title: PWM manager

Item Type:

Regular Session

Amount of Time Requested: 10 minutes

Presenter: Paul Moline

Title: PWM manager

Attachments:  Yes  No

**Strategic Initiative:**

Growth: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County Public Works is updating the Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan. As a result, a minor plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is necessary. The Planning & Water Management Department (PWM) is responsible for the amendment process and is coordinating the input and review process. The attached memorandum summarizes the updates being made, and the input received during the Planning Commission public review process. PWM staff will highlight the changes in the amendment during the public hearing. Staff is seeking adoption of the attached resolution which formally amends the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Attached are the pages that are amended in the POST chapter. A full copy of the amended POST Chapter will be sent separately to the Board and is available to the public via the County's website.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to open the public hearing to consider the Amendment to the Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Motion to close the public hearing and adopt the Resolution adopting ORDINANCE 68-2014 amending the Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan conditioned upon successful administrative review by the Metropolitan Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**Total**

\$0.00

**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:** N/A

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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## Memo

**To:** Carver County Commissioners, David Hemze  
**From:** Paul Moline, Planning & Water Management  
**Date:** January 9, 2015  
**Re:** Amendment to Parks, Open Space, and Trails Chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan  
**CC:** Randy Wolf, Lyndon Robjent, Marty Walsh

Enclosures: Amendment to the POST Chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan

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### Purpose:

This memo accompanies Planning Commission Resolution # 14-17, passed on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to recommend adoption by the Carver County Board of an amendment to the Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

This memo will summarize:

1. Purpose and contents of the amendment
2. Amendment process
3. Staff Recommendation

As a reminder, the County Board was originally notified of the intent to conduct this amendment process at its October 21, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

### Purpose and contents of the amendment:

The amendment's purpose is twofold. First is to reference, and align with, the Policy for Cost Participation Between Carver County and Other Agencies For Standalone Cooperative Trail Improvement Projects (cost policy) adopted by the County Board on November 4, 2014. Second is to recognize trail implementation that has been accomplished since the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Board in April, 2010.

This amendment is accomplished by making text edits and editing Figure 6.8, Trail and Bikeway Plan Map. Text edits reference the cost policy as an implementation tool, move and edit trail description text to align with trail classifications used in the cost policy, and edit trail description text to reflect implementation that has occurred. Map edits align trail classifications with the cost policy. Importantly, this POST Chapter amendment DOES NOT change trail alignments or the location and nature of planned trails.

Amended language is attached to this memo. Table 1 describes changes to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan POST Chapter. The effect of the content changes listed in Table 1 is to:

1. Reference the cost policy.
2. Update Figure 6.8 Trail and Bikeway Plan in the POST Chapter to incorporate the trail classifications defined in the cost policy.
3. Reflect implementation progress for trails identified in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Table 1: Summary of POST Chapter Amendment

Page	Section	Change
6.10	County Policy POST-5 Funding	Text edits adding language to reference County policies for cost participation for trail improvements.
6.32	Figure 6.8 supporting text	Text edits to trail classifications and definitions.
6.34	Figure 6.8 Trail and Bikeway Plan	Map edits to incorporate new classifications.
6.35-6.39	Regional Destination Trail System	Text edits to align trail descriptions, new classifications, and implementation progress.
6.40-6.41	Linking Trail System	
6.42	Local Trail System	
6.43	Figure 6.10 supporting text	Text edit for clarification.
6.49	Development of Trails and Bikeways	Text edits to reflect implementation progress.

**Amendment Process:**

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Planning Commission voted to hold open a public hearing through December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to allow staff time to address comments submitted to the Commission. Staff has responded to all comments and has edited the amendment to address comments as necessary. The following is a summary of comments received and the County’s response:

Mr. Neil Johnson from Watertown Township:

1. Comment: Asked about the location and type of trail and buffering proposed along Co Rd 10.
  - a. Carver County Response: The amendment classifies the trail along Co Rd 10 as a linking regional trail intended to generally follow the Co Rd 10 right of way. Figure 6.10 on page 6.41 of the amended POST Chapter provides a conceptual design example to illustrate how a linking regional trail following County right of way could look.
  
2. Comment: Requested language similar to that used to represent the desire of the residents and Township Board with respect Western Carver County Trail to be written for the Co Rd 10 and Hwy 25 trails.
  - a. Carver County Response: Language was added after the County Road 10 and Hwy 25 trail descriptions which is adapted from Western Carver County Trail description that was originally adopted into the POST Chapter.
  
3. Comment: Asked for clarification on the use of “proposed” on the draft updated Figure 6.8 trail map for certain trails and not others that are not yet developed.
  - a. Carver County Response: The term “proposed,” which appeared after the Hwy 25 Trail and Western Carver County Trail labels on Figure 6.8, was used in error. All trails that are depicted on the map, and currently do not exist on the ground are proposed. For consistency and clarity the term “proposed” was removed from the map.

Mr. Larry Schmidt and Ms. Maidie Felton, San Francisco Township:

1. Comment Summary: Expressed a strong desire for San Francisco Township's involvement in all phases of planning for any future trail alignments in their community. They expressed that impacts to property owners should be minimized, and safety for both motorists and trail users should be a top priority. To this end, they want to emphasize that a future Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail Extension, as depicted on Figure 6.8, be planned with close involvement of the Township's leadership and citizens, and that a future trail alignment is envisioned to follow the Co Rd 40 right of way.
  - a. Carver County Response: Staff worked directly with Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Felton to add language to the trail description on page 6.36-6.37 to address expressed concerns. The Township's vision for the trail alignment and desire for involvement in the planning process has been clarified.

Carver County Parks Commission:

1. Comment: Suggested a language change to page 6.37 to refine the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail Extension description by indicating the trail is envisioned to cross the MN River to Jordan at CR 11 if a river crossing in the existing rail corridor in the City of Carver is not possible.
  - a. Carver County Response: The suggested language has been added.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, seeing that all public comments had been addressed the Planning Commission voted to close the public hearing and adopted Resolution # 14-17 recommending that the County Board adopt the amendment.

Upon adoption by the County Board, the amendment to the POST chapter would be formally adopted into the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan conditional upon successful formal review by the Metropolitan Council. Discussions with Metropolitan Council staff have indicated this amendment would be subject to the 30-day administrative review.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Planning Commission Resolution # 14-17 recommends that the County Board adopt the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

**COUNTY OF CARVER**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

DATE January 20, 2015 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOTION BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE 79-2015 AMENDING THE PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS  
(POST) CHAPTER OF THE CARVER COUNTY 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution #14-17 recommending that the Plan be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission findings and recommendations were duly considered at a public hearing held by the Carver County Board at its regular meeting of January 20, 2015 and the County Board finds as follows:

1. The amendment is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.
2. The amendment is not in conflict with any other official controls.
3. The amendment will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT The Carver County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts Ordinance 79-2015 amending the Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Chapter of the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

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YES	ABSENT	NO

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARVER

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 now on file in the Administration Office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator

**CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE 79-2015**

**AMENDMENT OF THE PARKS OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS (POST) CHAPTER OF THE CARVER COUNTY  
2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The Carver County Board of Commissioners Hereby Ordains:

**Section 1.** The Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended by incorporating revisions to the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Chapter.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage and publication.

Adopted by the Carver County Board, Resolution #\_\_\_\_\_, at its meeting of January 20, 2015.

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Randy Maluchnik, Chair

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Dave Hemze, County Administrator



- Residents and PRAB should work together to define park facilities and programs that are needed, can be provided, and what residents can do to assist.
- Volunteerism should be promoted through the development of various volunteer programs (e.g., Adopt-A Park, etc.).
- Information sharing and education programs should be used as needed to enhance participant/resident knowledge of the existing programs and facilities (e.g., local newspaper/ activities brochure, website, etc.).

#### COUNTY POLICY POST-4 PARTNERSHIPS

- A cooperative effort should be undertaken between all partners to encourage the optimal use of limited resources and minimize duplication of park sites, facilities, and services.
- Clearly defined joint-use agreements and policies should be formally adopted between all partners.
- Where feasible, new facilities should be planned in consideration of the needs of other partners.
- Where feasible, new facilities should be located adjacent to property owned by other partners to facilitate shared use and programming.
- Ongoing information sharing, communication, and interaction between all partners should be undertaken to promote each one's system and programs.

#### COUNTY POLICY POST-5 FUNDING

- All forms of funding for implementing this plan should be pursued on an ongoing basis and in a time frame consistent with need and development opportunities.
- Public-private partnerships should be used where appropriate to help fund or defer costs to implement this plan.
- A complete analysis of financing mechanisms available to the County for implementation of this plan should be undertaken and updated on a periodic basis.
- A priority ranking system and an implementation plan should be prepared prioritizing future improvements where future costs can be reasonably projected.
- Shared-cost and joint-use agreements between the County and any partners should be reviewed on a periodic basis to determine if they are equitable and cost effective.
- Trail projects should be funded in accordance to the Cost Participation Policy Applicable to Cooperative Highway Projects Between Carver County and Municipalities, or the Policies for Cost Participation Between Carver County and Other Agencies for Standalone Cooperative Trail Improvement Projects as applicable and as adopted.

**Comment [NK1]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy.

#### COUNTY POLICY POST-6 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- In cooperation with other program providers, standards should be established that apply uniformly to all programs, sites, and facilities and should include: a) identification of the recreational program objectives and related facility needs for specific activities; b) ensuring that adequate support of local recreation providers is in place for program viability and success; and c) undertaking a seasonal review of the effectiveness of County supported recreational programs and services.

trails are provided, identify gaps in the system, and avoid duplication. Over time, all of the trails included in the inventory will be classified using the classification system provided in this section. This will allow for both a qualitative and quantitative assessment of trails provided in the county.

### Map of Core Elements of County/Regional Level Trail and Bikeway System

The plan consists of the following core elements:

- ~~Existing destination trails~~ **Destination Regional Trail Corridors** - Often located within a regional park, open space corridor, or rail to trail corridor. These trails have high aesthetic value for walking, jogging, bicycling, or inline skating; emphasize a natural, scenic setting, and create a sequence of events that appeal to the users' desire to recreate away from a built environment. To serve pedestrians and bicyclist equally well, trail width is generally 10' or greater, bituminous surface is preferred but a suitable natural surface may also be used, and generally has fewer intersections with roadways and accommodate longer trips. Destination trails are designated as regional or state trails. ~~currently established trail or trail corridors~~
- ~~2030 destination trails~~ - located along rail to trail corridors, select corridors within planned growth areas and parks
- **Linking Regional Trail Corridors** - Paved trail most often located within road right-of-way or utility easements; emphasis is on safe travel for walking, jogging, bicycling, and inline skating to/from destinations throughout the County. Linking trails often provide nearby trail connections to a local park and trail system and can connect to destination areas in and outside of city limits. Often developed in partnership between the County and municipality, they are generally 10 foot wide bituminous surface and serve pedestrians and bicyclist equally well. Linking trails may be designated as a regional trail through the Metropolitan Council's Park and Open Space System Plan, but may be non-regional as well.
- ~~Bikeways/Linking~~ **Local Trails** - Trails developed within a municipality's local road right-of-way or parks and open space areas, or permitted by the County in county right-of-way. Regional and state trails that are constructed and managed by the County, a city, or a township are not included. ~~in the form of bike routes along select roadway corridor rights-of-way~~

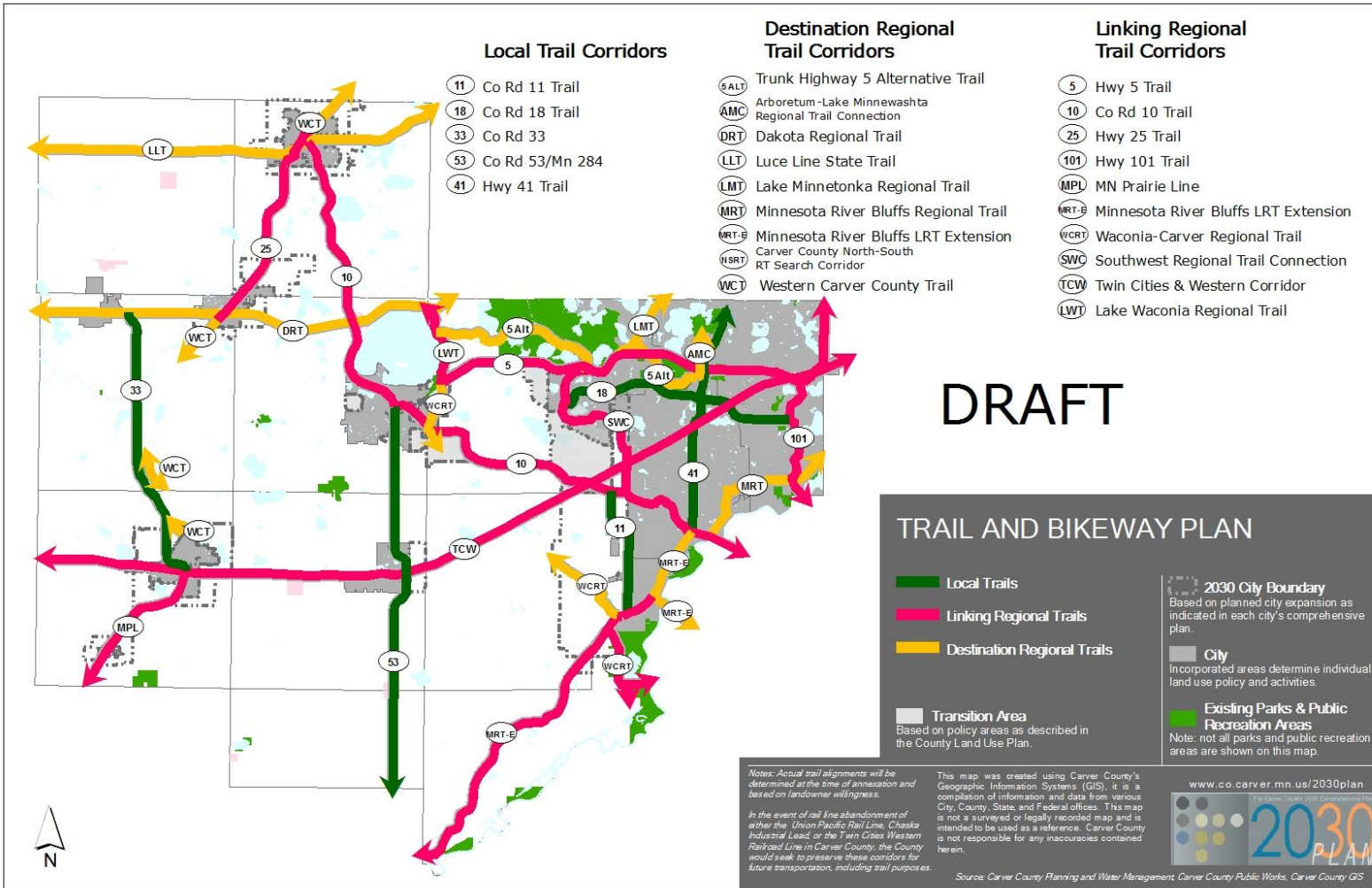
Figure 6.7 illustrates trail classifications. Figure 6-76.8 illustrates ~~these elements~~ existing and planned trail and bikeway route classifications on a county map:

**Comment [NK2]:** Edits to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Comment [NK3]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy.

FIGURE 6.8 TRAIL AND BIKEWAY PLAN (SOURCE: CARVER COUNTY)

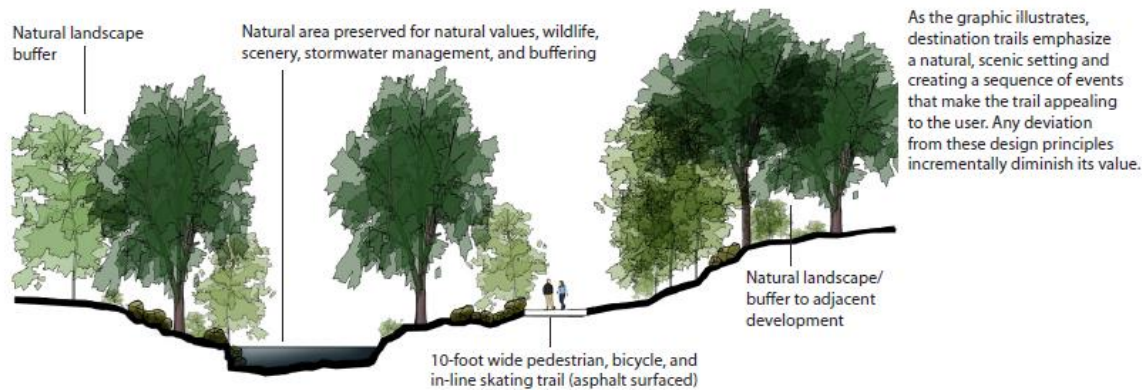
Comment [NK4]: Map edited to align with the new County cost-share policy.



## Regional Destination Trail System

Destination trails are the highest value trails typically located in a rural setting for walking, jogging, bicycling. Destination trails are 10 to 12 feet wide, ideally asphalt surfaced, but can be of a suitable natural surface located in conservation corridor or park-type setting, and serve pedestrians and bicyclists equally well. Under this plan, developing destination trails focuses on areas subject to growth within the 2030 time frame. These are the areas where demand for this type of trail will be highest and the opportunity to establish these corridors more time sensitive. Working collaboratively with local cities, landowners, and developers will be critical to successfully implementing the 2030 destination trail system. For added context, the following provides a general overview of each of the existing and proposed destination trail corridors as illustrated on the Trail and Bikeway Plan.

FIGURE 6.9 REGIONAL DESTINATION TRAIL ILLUSTRATION



## Existing Destination Trails ~~in Rail-to-Trail Setting~~

### Luce Line State Trail and

~~The Luce Line Trail is an aggregate surface State trail located in a former rail bed and managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.~~

### Dakota Regional Trail

~~The Dakota Regional Trail is in a former rail bed. As of 2012, the trail is asphalt paved to the Carver/McLeod County line. As the Trail and Bikeway Plan illustrates, there are four established destination trail corridors in a rail-to-trail setting that will be fully developed within the 2030 time frame. These include the well-established Luce Line State Trail, which is an aggregate surface, and the recently acquired~~

**Comment [NK5]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Comment [NK6]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Comment [NK7]:** Edit to align with regional plan trail names.

**Comment [NK8]:** Text moved from another section and edited to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Comment [NK9]:** Edit to align with regional plan trail names.

Dakota Rail Regional Trail. The latter of these will be asphalt paved, with completion of the trail out to the Mayer slated to be done by 2012.

**Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail and**

Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail has pavement through the downtown area of the City of Victoria. The remainder of the trail is primarily in an aggregate trail surface to the east County line.

**Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trails**

The Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail is primarily aggregate surfaced. In 2013 a section of the trail was paved leading into Chaska along HWY 61 and Engler Blvd.

The other two existing trails are the Lake Minnetonka LRT and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trails as shown on the plan. The latter of these currently ends in the City of Chaska, with the Lake Minnetonka LRT ending in the City of Victoria. Both of these are currently aggregate surfaced.

**Comment [NK10]:** Edits acknowledge work completed since Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2010 and split out the Luce Line State Trail description into section above.

**Comment [NK11]:** Edit to align with regional plan trail names.

**Comment [NK12]:** Edits acknowledge work completed since Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2010.

**Comment [NK13]:** Edits acknowledge work completed since Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2010.

**Comment [NK14]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Planned 2030 Destination Trails**

**Southwest LRT Connection Regional Trail (Connects Lake Minnetonka LRT and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trails)**

This destination trail corridor connects the Lake Minnetonka LRT and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trails as shown on the plan. The latter of these currently ends in the City of Chaska, with the northern trail ending in the City of Victoria. Both of these are currently aggregate surfaced.

A master plan for this trail connection was completed in 2006 and consists of a combination of existing local trails and newly proposed regional trail alignments, with an overall length of 13 miles. The Master Plan was approved by the Metropolitan Council, which makes the trail eligible for regional funding.

Although not identified as part of the master plan for this connection, a river crossing near the downtown area of Chaska over to the Minnesota River Valley State Trail, which connects to Shakopee, is provided via the CSAH 41 bridge structure.

**Comment [NK15]:** Text moved to another section to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail Corridor Extension**

As illustrated on the Trail and Bikeway Plan, this destination trail is essentially an extension of the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail. A trail master plan was completed and adopted by Carver County and the Metropolitan Council in 2011 and amended in 2013. In Carver County, the trail corridor extends from Athletic Park in Chaska to County Road 40 and Carver Bluffs Parkway in Carver in Chaska. From Chaska, in the future the corridor is proposed to be extended added for regional consideration as it heads southwest to Carver (via and old railroad grade) and, ultimately, to the new visitor center at the National Wildlife Refuge. Continuation of the trail to the undetermined location of the Minnesota River Bluff regional park and on to Belle Plaine is also envisioned, although most likely in a post-

**Comment [NK16]:** Edit to align with regional plan trail names.

**Comment [NK17]:** Edits acknowledge work completed since Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2010.

2030 time frame. ~~This portion of the trail is classified as a linking regional trail on Figure 6.8, because the trail is envisioned to be within the County Road 40 right of way. Due to current road conditions, collaboration~~ Collaboration with San Francisco Township and landowners will be key in establishing a corridor ~~for all stages of planning, including the master planning process,~~ as will seeking regional status in the Met council RPPP.

**Comment [NK18]:** Edit to respond to public comment by clarifying local roles in development of this corridor. Language developed based on direct communication with Township elected leaders

A key concern with this trail corridor is coordinating its alignment with Chaska, Carver, USFWS, and MN DNR. The trail will be located within an approved corridor or adjacent to the refuge or WMA lands. Note that current USFWS and MN DNR land use and management policies do not allow paved trails to be developed on refuge and WMA lands. It is also not common practice for these agencies to provide an easement for a paved trail since that can inhibit land management and hunter access.

Another important aspect of this trail is making a connection to regional trails in Scott County, most likely via an existing road corridors or new MN river crossing. Another option for making the connection is to establish a trail crossing in the existing rail corridor in the City of Carver. ~~Should it not be practical to cross the MN River at that location, the trail is envisioned to be within the County Road 40/County Road 11 right of way to Jordan. should the Union pacific railroad line become abandoned and an opportunity occur.~~

**Comment [NK19]:** Edit to respond to Parks Commission recommendation.

#### **Waconia - Carver Regional Trail Corridor (formerly known as North-South Regional Trail)**

From south to north, this destination trail corridor will ultimately connect the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in Carver, to the ultimate location of the Miller Lake Regional Park, and to the Lake Waconia Regional Park in Waconia. In the 2030 time frame, the focus will be on establishing the south and north ends of this trail corridor in the growth areas of Carver and Waconia. Once beyond the 2030 growth boundaries of these cities, the possible alignment options for the trail become less certain given land acquisition concerns and issues previously expressed by some of the landowners in this area. Multiple planning considerations will need to be considered, including development patterns, desire to follow natural corridors, timing and location of Miller Lake regional park, land acquisition concerns and issues previously expressed by some of the landowners in this area. Collaboration between the County, the cities of Carver and Waconia, the townships of Dahlgren and Laketown, and any affected landowners will be key in establishing a corridor.

#### **Lake Waconia Regional Trail Corridor**

~~From south to north, this destination trail corridor makes a connection between Lake Waconia Regional Park and Dakota Rail Regional Trail on the north side of the lake. As illustrated on the Trail and Bikeway Plan, the alignment of this trail is optimally located along the shoreline of the lake until CSAH 30, which it would then parallel (heading north) until CSAH 155. The trail would connect to the existing boat launch near the junction of CSAH 30 and 155. Once to CSAH 155, establishing the trail along the west side of the roadway would provide the most appealing experience to the trail user, albeit in close proximity to the road. The challenges with developing the trail following this alignment include limited space, steep grades, and established vegetation along the lakeshore, each of which posing significant constraints to trail development.~~

~~Future options should be explored to replace the road along the eastern edge of Lake Waconia from Lake Waconia Regional Park to the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. Presumably, the existing roadway would be relocated further to the east as part of future roadway and development planning. (Importantly, the existing private properties would require assured access under any roadway realignment~~

scenario. The advantage, presumably, to these landowners would be that their properties would front a greenway versus a county road, with direct access to an extensive trail system and open space.)

**Comment [NK20]:** Text moved to the another section to align with the new County cost-share policy.

### **Trunk Highway 5 Alternate Lake Waconia – Carver Park Reserve Regional Trail (Connection Between Lake Waconia Trail and Carver Park Reserve)**

**Comment [NK21]:** Edit to align with regional plan trail names.

From east to west, this destination trail corridor makes a connection between the proposed Lake Waconia Trail and Carver Park Reserve. As with other trails, Carver County will have to work collaboratively with Waconia, Laketown Twp and Victoria along with landowners and developers to establish trail alignments.

Once to Carver Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District will determine the final alignment of the trail within the context of the larger master plan for the reserve. Both Carver County and Three Rivers Park District will have to collaborate with Victoria to make the trail connection between Carver Park Reserve and the existing Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail that now ends in Victoria.

### **Western Carver County Regional Trail Corridor**

From south to north, this regional trail corridor will ultimately make a connection between the City of Norwood Young America, Baylor Regional park, the Dakota Rail Regional Trail in Mayer and linking trail north to the Luce Line State Trail in Watertown. In the 2030 time frame, the focus will be on establishing the trail corridor in the growth areas of the three cities.

Once beyond the 2030 growth boundaries of these cities, the possible alignment options for the trail become less certain given land acquisition concerns and issues previously expressed by some of the landowners in this area. Multiple planning considerations will need to be considered, including following the Hwy. 25 right-of-way in select locations and the anticipated development of a new school along Hwy. 25 between Mayer and Watertown. Note: Watertown Township acknowledges that the Metropolitan Council's regional park policy plan identifies the Crow River Regional Trail (referred to as the Western Carver County Regional Trail in the 2030 County Plan) with a potential future alignment through the township as a linking trail. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with Watertown Township, Carver County, and others. Within Watertown Township, the Western Carver County Regional Trail will run along State Highway 25 within the right of way of the State Highway. At the time the trail is to be built, the Watertown Township Board will determine the final location of the trail through public process with Watertown Township residents.

### **Arboretum - Lake Minnewashta Regional Trail Connection**

As the Trail and Bikeway Plan illustrates, a trail connection is proposed between Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail in Victoria and Lake Minnewashta Regional Park in Chanhassen via a trail corridor through, or on the periphery of, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The intent with this alignment is to create a high value destination trail experience via a greenway-type corridor through various parks, and the arboretum site, versus directly following the TH 5 corridor, which is a far less appealing experience for the trail user. Local Connections under discussion about local trail connections in Chanhassen, defining an acceptable alignment through the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum property is the most challenging aspect of this corridor that will take a collaborative effort to address. Nonetheless, given the much higher value user experience, due diligence by Carver County, Chanhassen, and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is justified

and recommended in finding an agreeable alternative route to the TH 5 corridor. Within Chanhassen, the challenge will be maintaining a greenway context through existing and future developments prior to entering the regional park.

~~Existing rail corridors provide opportunities for long-term trail corridors as evidenced by the Luce line and Dakota trail corridors. Of particular note is the Twin Cities Western Railroad through the county and the Union Pacific MN river crossing. Although the TCW line is not anticipated to be abandoned within the 2030 time frame, this corridor offers a high value opportunity for a trail if it was ever to be abandoned. Accommodating a trail along this corridor if it is ever converted to a rail transit corridor should also be considered at such time as part of a multi-modal approach to transportation.~~

**Comment [NK22]:** Text moved to another section to align with the new County cost-share policy.

#### ~~Highway 101 Regional Trail~~

~~The Metropolitan Council RPPP identifies a proposed Highway 101 Regional Trail, which will connect the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail to the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail.~~

#### ~~Highway 5 Regional Trail~~

~~The RPPP identifies the proposed Highway 5 Regional Trail, which will connect the proposed Highway 101 Regional Trail to Carver Park Reserve and Lake Waconia Regional Park. A proposed alignment which would route this regional trail corridor through the Carver Park Reserve and via the Lake Waconia Regional Trail is presented on the trail map. The county would seek re-alignment of this corridor in the RPPP.~~

**Comment [NK23]:** Text moved to another section to align with the new County cost-share policy.



### Linking Trail and Bikeway System

Linking trails are paved trails most often located within road right-of-way or utility easements. Emphasis is on safe travel for walking, jogging, bicycling, and in-line skating to/from destinations throughout the county. Linking trails are 10 feet wide; asphalt surfaced, located in road or street right-of-way setting, and serves pedestrian and bicyclists equally well. As the Trail and Bikeway Plan illustrates, a number of east-west and north-south county roads are identified as Bikeway/Linking Trail Corridors. Linking trails along these routes complement the destination trail system and are also used to make key connections to destinations within growth areas. Linking trails also serve an important alternative transportation function in growth areas. For example, providing a linking trail along the CSAH 18 corridor in Victoria and Chanhassen is especially important from an alternative transportation perspective, as is the case with other routes in developing areas.

Bikeways (which in most cases will take the form of a 6-foot or wider shoulder) along identified routes are used to meet the needs of subgroup of bicyclists preferring to ride on streets and roadways for recreation, fitness, and transportation.

As with destination trails, development of the linking trail system will focus initially on growth areas. Since these trails typically fall within road rights-of-way, their development will likely occur as roads are upgraded or new roads are built to accommodate growth. To the extent possible, trails will be proactively included as part of new roadway designs consistent with Table 2 of the 2014 amendment to the 2030 Roadways Systems Plan to avoid retrofitting situations, which too often leads to substandard results and lower levels of use.

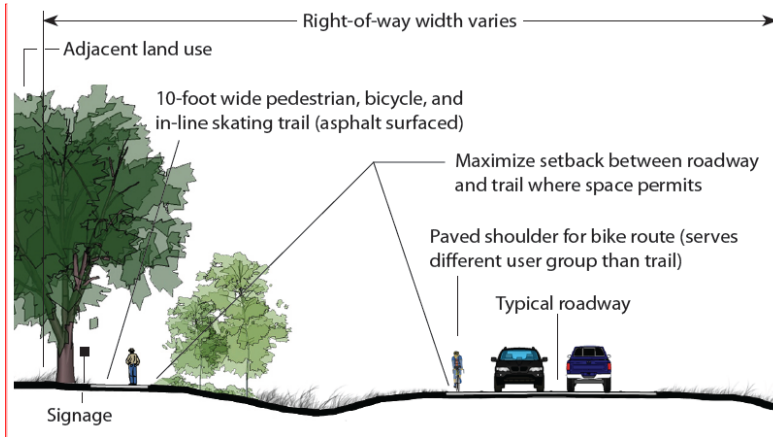
Development of the linking trails along county roads will also be coordinated with development of local level trails to ensure continuity and avoid duplication. At the county-level, developing linking trails along identified routes will take into consideration the location of nearby destination trail corridors to both avoid duplication and to take advantage of the best alignment for the user experience. Most often, the destination trail alignment will be the preferred option along any given corridor since this type of trail offers higher recreational value.

On occasion, linking trails will be used to fill in gaps in a destination trail corridor. A common example is of this is where a road corridor is the only option available to link two segments of a destination trail corridor together due to land acquisition issues, wetlands, or some other physical impediment.

**Comment [NK24]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Comment [NK25]:** Edits acknowledge work completed since Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2010.

FIGURE 6.10 RIGHT-OF-WAY-BASED LINKING TRAIL ILLUSTRATION



As the images illustrate, the setting for linking trails greatly affects their recreational value as judged by scenic quality, continuity, and separation from vehicular traffic.

Roadway right-of-way widths are defined and determined in the Roadway System Plan.

**Comment [NK26]:** Graphic moved from another section to align with the new County cost-share policy. Graphic appears in the currently adopted POST Chapter.

**Linking Regional Trails**

**Southwest LRT Connection Regional Trail (Connects Lake Minnetonka LRT and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trails)**

This destination-linking trail corridor connects the Lake Minnetonka LRT and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trails as shown on the plan map. The latter of these currently ends in the City of Chaska, with the northern trail ending in the City of Victoria. Both of these are currently aggregate surfaced.

A master plan for this trail connection was completed in 2006 and consists of a combination of existing local trails and newly proposed regional trail alignments, with an overall length of 13 miles. The Master Plan was approved by the Metropolitan Council, which makes the trail eligible for regional funding.

Although not identified as part of the master plan for this connection, a river crossing near the downtown area of Chaska over to the Minnesota River Valley State Trail, which connects to Shakopee, is provided via the CSAH 41 bridge structure.

**Lake Waconia Regional Trail Corridor**

From south to north, this destination trail corridor makes a connection between Lake Waconia Regional Park and Dakota Rail Regional Trail on the north side of the lake. As illustrated on the Trail and Bikeway Plan map, the alignment of this trail is optimally located along the shoreline of the lake until CSAH 30, which it would then parallel (heading north) until CSAH 155. The trail would connect to the existing boat launch near the junction of CSAH 30 and 155. Once to CSAH 155, establishing the trail along the west side of the roadway would provide the most appealing experience to the trail user, albeit in close proximity to the road. The challenges with developing the trail

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following this alignment include limited space, steep grades, and established vegetation along the lakeshore, each of which posing significant constraints to trail development.

Future options should be explored to replace the road along the eastern edge of Lake Waconia from Lake Waconia Regional Park to the Dakota Rail Regional Trail. Presumably, the existing roadway would be relocated further to the east as part of future roadway and development planning. (Importantly, the existing private properties would require assured access under any roadway realignment scenario. The advantage, presumably, to these landowners would be that their properties would front a greenway versus a county road, with direct access to an extensive trail system and open space.)

#### **Highway 101 Regional Trail**

The Metropolitan Council RPPP identifies a proposed Highway 101 Regional Trail, which will connect the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail to the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail.

#### **Highway 5 Regional Trail**

The RPPP identifies the proposed Highway 5 Regional Trail, which will connect the proposed Highway 101 Regional Trail to Carver Park Reserve and Lake Waconia Regional Park. An alternate proposed alignment which would route this regional trail corridor through the Carver Park Reserve and via the Lake Waconia Regional Trail is presented on the trail map. The county would seek re-alignment of this corridor in the RPPP.

#### **Twin Cities and Western Regional Corridor and Minnesota Prairie Line Trail**

Existing rail corridors provide opportunities for long term trail corridors as evidenced by the Luce line and Dakota trail corridors. Of particular note is the Twin Cities Western Railroad through the county. Although the TCW line is not anticipated to be abandoned within the 2030 time frame, this corridor offers a high value opportunity for a trail if it was ever to be abandoned. Accommodating a trail along this corridor if it is ever converted to a rail transit corridor should also be considered at such time as part of a multi-modal approach to transportation.

County Road 10 - Intended to follow the road right of way. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with affected Cities, Township, Carver County, and others. At the time the trail is to be built, the appropriate Cities and Townships will determine the final location of the trail through public process with residents.

County Road 25 - Intended to follow the road right of way. The establishment of any future trail alignment will result from a master plan process done in cooperation with affected Cities, Township, Carver County, and others. At the time the trail is to be built, the appropriate Cities and Townships will determine the final location of the trail through public process with residents.

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**Comment [NK30]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy. Corridor appears on the currently adopted 2030 map, text added for clarification.

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**Comment [NK33]:** Edit to respond to public comment by clarifying local roles in development of this corridor. Language adapted from Western Carver County Trail description on page 6.38.

**Comment [NK34]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy. Corridor appears on the currently adopted 2030 map, text added for clarification.

**Comment [NK35]:** Edit to respond to public comment by clarifying local roles in development of this corridor. Language adapted from Western Carver County Trail description on page 6.38.

### Local Trail System

Local trails are developed within a municipality's local road right-of-way or parks and open space areas, or permitted by the County in County right-of-way. Regional and state trails that are constructed and managed by the County, a city, or a township are not included.

### Local Trails

All identified County local trails are intended to follow the road right of way.

County Road 33

County Road 53/MN 284

County Road 11

County Road 18

County Road 41

Although the Trail and Bikeway Plan highlights a number of routes for linking trails, the County is encouraged to secure enough space when acquiring future county road rights-of-way for the eventual development of linking trails separated from the roadways. This would ensure that the linking trail system could be expanded as demand warrants as growth occurs across the county.

With the bikeway system, classified as local trails in Figure 6.8, the primary goal with the routes shown on the plan is to create a series of loops across the county that link small towns with the larger growing cities. Providing a wide shoulder and bike route signage along these roads will allow a bicyclist to safely use county roads when out for longer recreation and fitness rides, or using their bike for transportation.

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**Comment [NK37]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy.

**Comment [NK38]:** Edit to align with the new County cost-share policy. Corridors appear on the currently adopted 2030 map, text added for clarification.

**Comment [NK39]:** Text added for clarification.

## Development of Trails and Bikeways

Given its routine rating as the highest value recreational activity by people across age groups, developing the trail system is justifiably a very high priority within the county. The implementation strategy for destination trails will likely occur as demand warrants and funding is made available.

In terms of priority areas, nearer-term efforts to develop destination trails will be focused in growth areas, especially in the Waconia-Victoria and Carver areas, as illustrated on the Trail and Bikeway Plan. Completion of the ~~Southwest Regional Trail Connection~~ between the Lake Minnetonka LRT and Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trails also remains a top priority that will be implemented. ~~A master plan for this trail was created in 2006, following that master plan.~~ In all of the cases, the County will work collaboratively with the local cities and townships to develop these trails in a timely manner. The County will also ensure that collaboration with willing landowners is a necessary piece of any trail development.

~~The Dakota Rail Regional Trail was originally identified as an implementation priority and is now open to the public. Phase I construction consisted of a 7 mile segment from the East County Line to the City of Mayer in 2010. Construction work on the 5 mile segment between the City of Mayer and the West Count Line of Phase II Phase began in 2012 and was open for use in 2013. Completion of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail remains a nearer term priority to provide a high value trail experience for portions of rural Carver County. The County will continue to take advantage of federal funding to complete remaining sections of this trail, as available.~~

With respect to linking trails along county roads, the top priority will be working with local cities to complete regional trail links within and between local systems in growth areas. Development of on-road bikeways along proposed county road routes will be coordinated with roadway upgrades, with the main focus being to include a minimum 6-foot wide shoulder along select county roads for use as a bike route. Note that development of trail/bikeway corridors could include either a linking trail or bikeway, or both, depending on the specific route circumstances and user groups being accommodated. (It is important to recognize that each of these facilities serve distinct users groups, as defined in Section 4.)

## Delivery of Public Programs and Services

Delivery of public programs and services is listed a bit lower in terms of priority due to the fact that being able to provide these is contingent on the availability of land and facilities. In fact, the delivery of programs and services should be considered lock-step with the development of a facility. Carver County's programming and related services function will continue to evolve, with continued emphasis on enhancing formal, well-organized programming. In addition, greater emphasis will be placed on informal, self-guided, and drop-in participation type of programming. More attention will also be given to staging events that bring larger groups to the various regional parks for group activities and social interaction in a natural setting. In addition to current offerings, cultural events such as music or arts-in-the park and charity programs will be considered.

## Recreational and Educational Programming (and Related Services) Function

The programming function of Carver County will proactively strive to provide an ever increasing variety of high quality visitor and participant experiences by organizing, promoting and delivering environmental education and recreation-based programs consistent with its mission.

Specific strategies to proactively advance this function include:

**Comment [NK40]:** Edit to align with regional plan trail names.

**Comment [NK41]:** Edits acknowledge work completed since Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2010.

**Comment [NK42]:** Edits acknowledge work completed since Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2010.

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Land Acquisition Settlement Agreement for CSAH 11 Construction Project # SP 010-611-006**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting  
Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

Growth: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

In 2012-2013, the county reconstructed and realigned CSAH 11 from CSAH 61 to CSAH 10 (Engler Blvd). As a consequence of the realignment and reconstruction, the county obtained right-of-way from numerous property owners along the CSAH 11 corridor. In order to complete the road construction in a timely manner, condemnation proceedings against several property owners was initiated by the county. Hearings were held before a condemnation commission and damages have been awarded by the condemnation commissioners for a number of the properties.

The owners of the property located at PID#04.0010610, Walter E. Raser and Rosette L. Raser, and Walter & Rosette Raser Limited Partnership, appealed the condemnation commissioners' award. As part of the appeal process, mediation is required in order to try and resolve the issue. On December 18, 2014, a mediation session was conducted and a settlement was reached between the county and Walter E. Raser and Rosette L. Raser and Walter & Rosette Raser Limited Partnership, located at PID #04.0010610.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve a resolution for the settlement negotiated between Carver County and the above-named property owners located at PID #04.0010610 for the CSAH 11 Construction Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

CSAH (Gas tax, etc)	\$35,075.00
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**FTE IMPACT:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,075.00</b>
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**QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:**

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

As required by law, after the commissioners' awards were submitted, the county paid the property owners \$49,925.00. The additional amount now needed to meet the settlement amount is \$35,075.00.

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: January 20, 2015  
 Motion by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

## Right of Way Acquisition – CSAH 11 – Project SP 010-11-006

WHEREAS, the County reconstructed and realigned CSAH 11 between CSAH 61 and CSAH 10, and

Whereas, reconstruction and realignment of CSAH 11 was necessary to provide roadway improvements for the safety of the traveling public, and

Whereas, the County needed to acquire property interests over certain lands to provide for said roadway reconstruction, and

Whereas, a settlement has been negotiated with Walter and Rosette Raser, LP, PID #04.0010610, the property owner impacted by the project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners accept the settlement negotiated with the property owners for the CSAH 11 reconstruction & realignment between CSAH 61 and CSAH 10. (SP-010-611-006).

YES	ABSENT	NO

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 COUNTY OF CARVER

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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 Dave Hemze County Administrator

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Land Acquisition for CSAH 11 Construction Project #SP 010-611-006**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <input type="text" value="Public Works"/>	Meeting Date: <input type="text" value="1/20/2015"/>
Contact: <input type="text" value="Bill Weckman"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Program Delivery Manager"/>	Item Type: <input type="text" value="Closed Session"/>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text" value="45"/> minutes Presenter: <input type="text" value="Bill Weckman/Larry Martin"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Program Delivery Manager"/>	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Strategic Initiative: <input type="text" value="Growth: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development"/>	

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Appeals and cross-appeals were filed in District Court on 11 of the Project parcels. Those parcels are identified as: PID #'s 04.0010610, 04.0011200, 07.0360320, 04.0011100, 04.0120700, 04.0010600, 30.0061400, 04.0010710, 30.0070210, 30.0070200 and 30.0070400

The current procedural status of litigation varies by case. There are mediations, possible settlement, and post-trial legal motions pending. The litigation strategy for these filed legal actions will be discussed.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, Subd. 3 (b) to discuss attorney-client privileged litigation matters.

<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="None"/> If "Other", specify: <input type="text"/>	<b>FUNDING</b> County Dollars = <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <b>Total</b> <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
<b>FTE IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="None"/>	
<b>QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:</b> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	
Related Financial/FTE Comments: <input type="text"/>	

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