

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) STAFF
10:00AM – Tuesday, April 18, 2017
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave S, Park District Conference Room

I. Present:

- Bill Palmiscno, Chair
- Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
- Dave Kuharenko, City of GF Engineering
- Sgt. Doug Wright, GF Police
- Jairo Viafara, MPO
- Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire
- Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning
- Reid Huttunen, EGF Parks & Rec
- Mike Pokrzywinski, City of EGF
- Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

II. Old Business

A. River Access Master Plan - Status with Council - Update:

- EGF City Council has adopted the plan.
- GF City Council has not had this on their agenda yet. Kim will continue to get this on the agenda.

B. Kennedy Bridge Project Update:

- Grand Forks:
 - ♦ The paved trail is still open in this location.
 - ♦ The construction company is driving their trucks on the area designated for the trail detour area. It is unclear whether something has changed with the temporary trail alignment.
- East Grand Forks:
 - ♦ A gravel and sand tail detour has been put in place.
 - ♦ The location of the trail detour is different than what was earlier planned.
 - ♦ A pedestrian connection is being added to the bridge project. It will extend from the north side of the bridge, curve along the on ramp, and eventually connect to the existing paved trail. The cost of this new connection will be split between the City of EGF and the MNDOT. The MNDOT will be responsible for funding the trail from the start of the bridge to the on-ramp. The city of EGF will be responsible for funding the area from the start of on-ramp, along River Road and connecting to the existing trail.
- Both EGF and GF will need to stay informed of any changes made to trail detours for races and events coming up.

C. Skate Park Update:

- The skate park is currently on-hold because the funding has been delayed for paperwork. The project has not been bid because of the funding delay.
- The current skate park is still available for use.

III. New Business

A. Trail Overlay Projects:

- Grand Forks:
 - ✦ A couple of projects are in the works: at the Elmwood access and the upper trail from DeMers Avenue to 7th Ave N.
 - ✦ Projects will be going to Committee of the Whole (COW) and then Council for approval.
 - ✦ Funding will come from Stormwater Enterprise Funds.
 - ✦ Strata has the contract for this work. Once contract is signed, the work should begin around the first part of June. The overlay usually only takes a day or two to complete.
- East Grand Forks:
 - ✦ The trail behind the VFW Arena needs overlaying.
 - ✦ Parks & Rec will hear in July if funding will be awarded for this project.
 - ✦ If award is received, the overlay project should be completed this fall.

B. Benches:

- Design Palette:
 - ✦ The benches listed in the Greenway Design Palette are no longer in stock.
 - ✦ A list of possible replacements were handed out.
 - Reid Huttunen motioned to insert this document with the replacement benches into the Design Palette.
 - Stephanie Erickson seconded the motion.
 - Dave Kuharenko questioned the ability to set fire to the replacement benches. Discussion was held that the benches would need an exuberant amount of an exhilarant to burn.
 - All present were in favor, no nays voiced, motion was carried to insert the document with the replacement benches into the Design Palette.
- Cost of bench:
 - ✦ New benches will come with the memorial engraved in the material. Existing benches will have a plaque attached for a memorial.
 - ✦ Kim will check on the prices of the benches.
 - ✦ Park District memorial benches are \$1500. This amount includes bench, memorial engraving, and cement for placement.
 - ✦ Costs should be consistent between Park Board and Greenway.
- Placement of benches:
 - ✦ There are no guidelines set for placement of benches on the Greenway.
 - ✦ The Corp does approve of each bench and location of the bench.

- ▶ EGF – A preexisting bench was washed out during the flood. A resident would like to dig the bench from the shore and repurpose it in another location further up from where it was before. Reid and the Corp will need to be included in further discussion of the bench as the location and condition of bench will have to be assessed.

IV. Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:

- No updates at this time.

V. Other

- Nothing to discuss at this time.

VI. Agency Updates

- A. City of GF/Greenway:** A bid package was sent out to replace the Gazebo downtown just north of the Sorlie Bridge. The cedar on the gazebo will be replaced with vinyl. Kim is still working with the IT department for the Greenway App for the self-guided tour. Citizens can sign up to take part with surveys to help prioritize needs and/or projects of the Greenway. Kim will post any upcoming events of the flood anniversary as they become available. The Greenway of Greater Grand Forks was given an award from the River Keepers. The group is a great resource for river education. They would like to join a couple of our Greenway meetings for ideas. Alley Alive will be taking place on May 4th. This is a great family friendly event in downtown Grand Forks.
- B. City of EGF:** The Greater MN Corridor Trails Group will be having a bus tour of the Red Lake River. They should be in EGF April 19th from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. This group could help with funding in the future. Parks & Rec, along with Altru, will be hosting a Health and Wellness Fair at the VFW Memorial Arena from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on May 23. A few of the vendors present will be Safe Kids and Alzheimer’s Association. This fair is still in development. The plan is to have the water on and ready at the trail heads on May 1st. The water will need to be tested first. The dock boat landing will be cleaned out next week and ready to open the week of May 12th. The City Council is still reviewing the ongoing deer population problem. Community support for a hunt is being sought. The first thing that will be addressed is a passing of a city ordinance against feeding the deer. The new Mayor, Steve Gander, will be giving his first State of the City Address today.
- C. GF Park District:** All the ice rinks will be taken down shortly. The water is being turned on to the park fountains.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** The campground has one less deer in their population. They were also approved for a bike repair station from “Pedal MN”. 21 repair stations were given out (31 applications had been received). The campground will be opening on Friday if construction to replace a fire hydrant is completed by the front office.

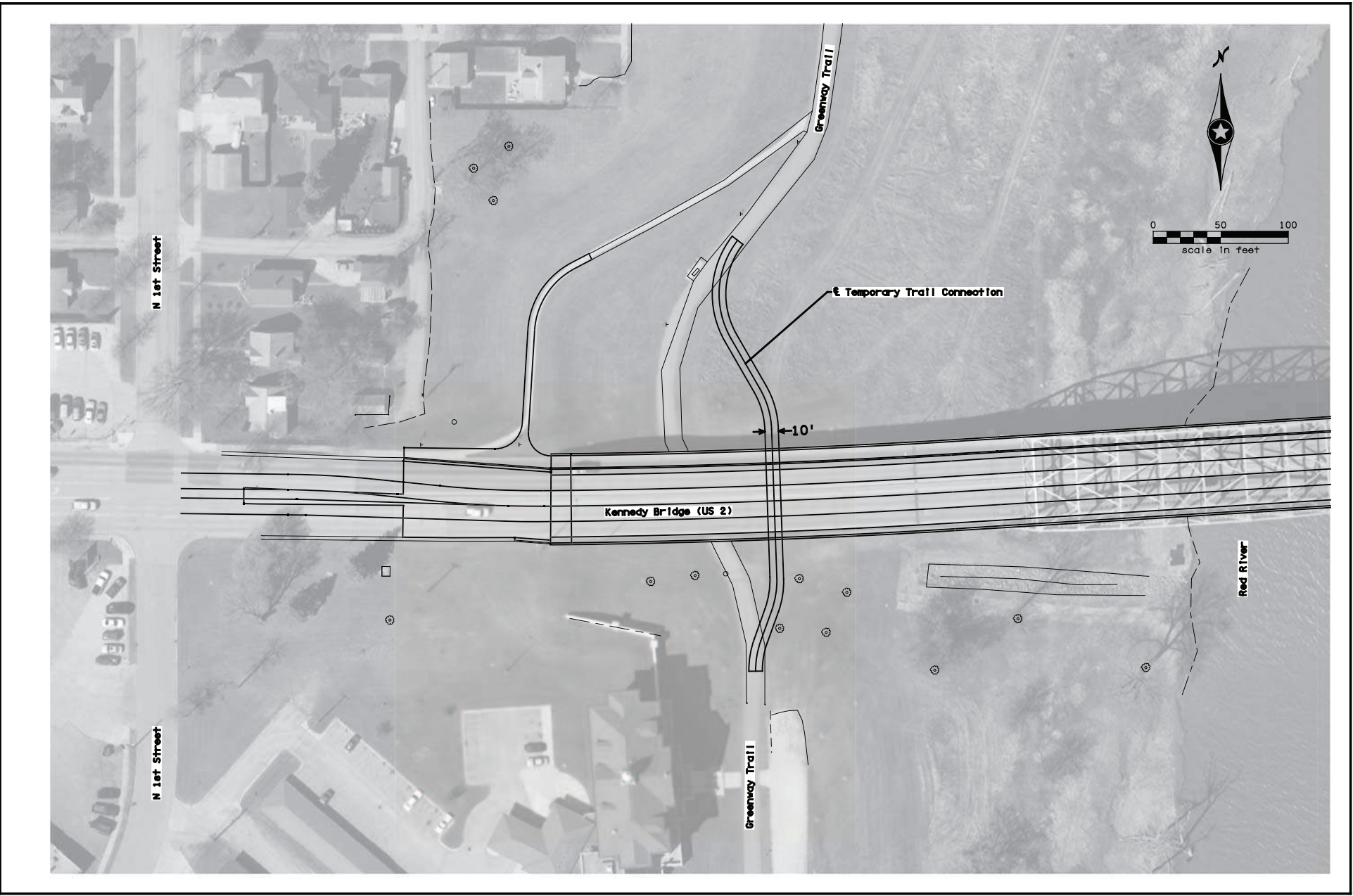
- E. Police Department:** Homeless residents are returning to the outdoors. They have been reported hanging out in bus stops around town. No reports yet in the Greenway. Traditional Spring Fest weekend is May 5th – May 7th but nothing public has been planned. No alcohol permits will be handed out by the Park District.
- F. Fire Department:** A few bonfires have been reported in the Greenway.
- G. MPO:** Staff Report was handed out regarding the 2018 Bikeway Map. The size of the map leaves room to add safety tips on the back. Turn in any suggestions to Jairo by May 30th. Take note of the workshop on writing/drafting Street Policy to be held on April 28th.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: Kennedy Bridge trail reroute – GF
 Kennedy Bridge trail reroute – EGF
 Proposed skate park alignment
 Replacement bench options

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Greenway Trail Detour (City of Grand Forks, ND)
Kennedy Bridge Rehabilitation
Minnesota Department of Transportation

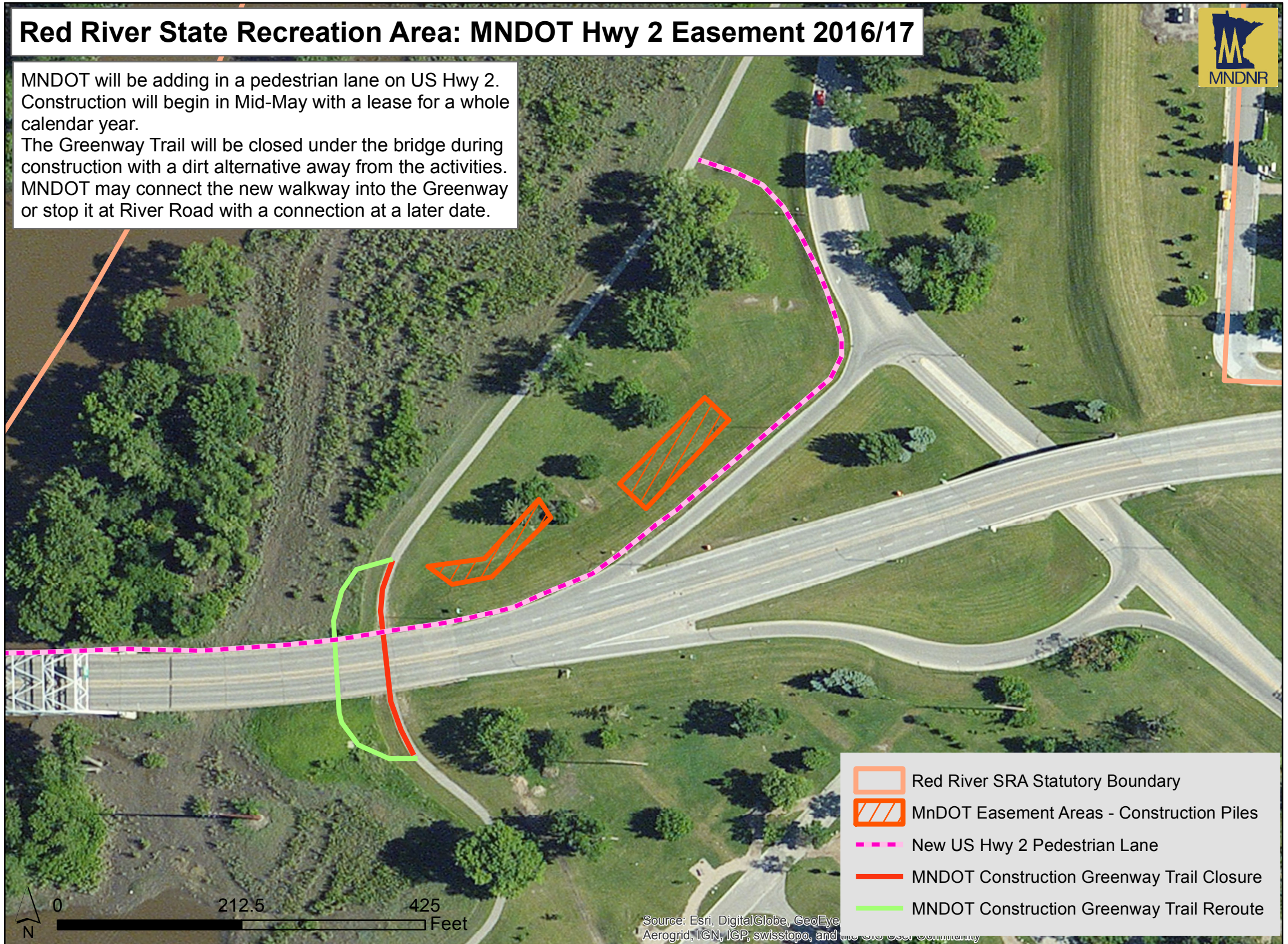
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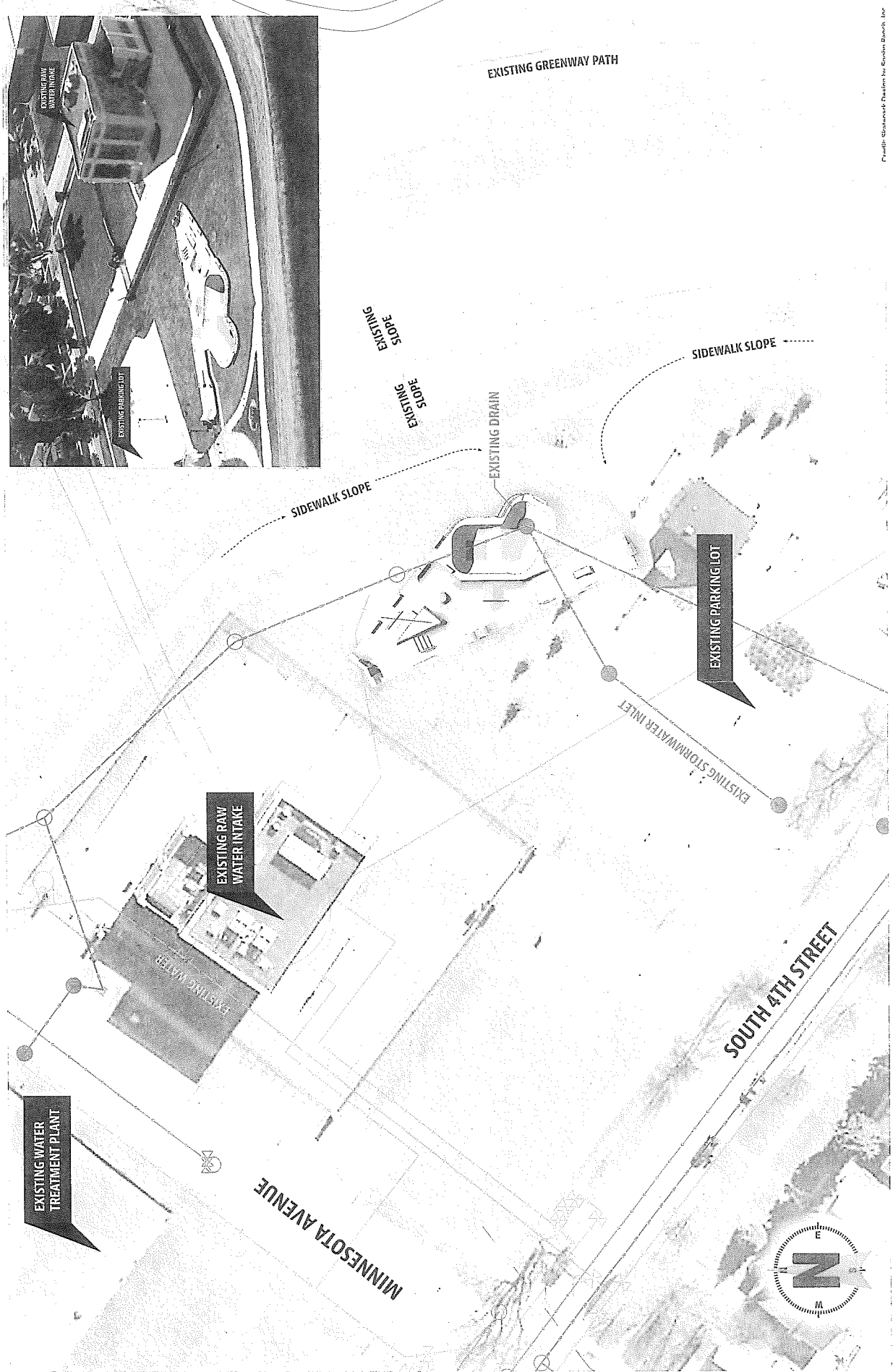
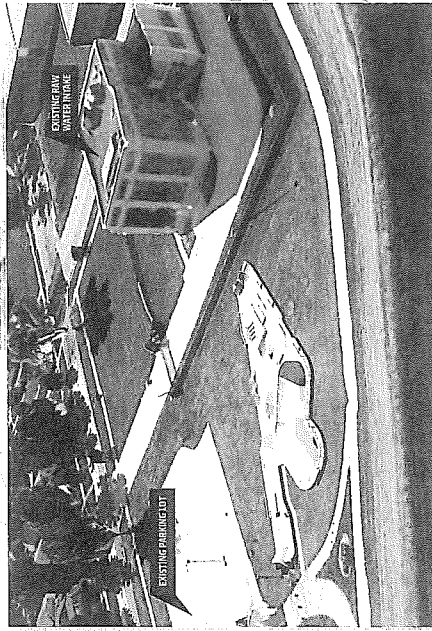
Figure 2

Red River State Recreation Area: MNDOT Hwy 2 Easement 2016/17



MNDOT will be adding in a pedestrian lane on US Hwy 2. Construction will begin in Mid-May with a lease for a whole calendar year. The Greenway Trail will be closed under the bridge during construction with a dirt alternative away from the activities. MNDOT may connect the new walkway into the Greenway or stop it at River Road with a connection at a later date.







Greenway Replacement Bench Options

Example #1: Discontinued model. Used in the downtown areas.



Potential replacement

	<p style="text-align: center;">Heritage Bench</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Frame Color Options</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  green </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  black </div> </div>
<p>Made with nine 2" x 4" recycled plastic resinwood slats and powder-coated, heavy duty cast aluminum frames, these Heritage Benches are the industry standard for architectural design. The under structure is braced with length and width supports. The recycled plastic resinwood slats are available in an array of color options. Powder-Coated cast aluminum frames are available in black and green. Hardware is stainless steel.</p>	
<p>PB5-HER 5' Length</p>	<p> <input type="text" value="Choose Slat Color"/> <input type="text" value="Choose Frame Color"/> (120 lbs) \$705.00 <input type="checkbox"/> </p>
<p>PB6-HER 6' Length</p>	<p> <input type="text" value="Choose Slat Color"/> <input type="text" value="Choose Frame Color"/> (140 lbs) \$735.00 <input type="checkbox"/> </p>
<p>PB8-HER 8' Length</p>	<p> <input type="text" value="Choose Slat Color"/> <input type="text" value="Choose Frame Color"/> (190 lbs) \$895.00 <input type="checkbox"/> </p>
<p>PB1076 Middle Arm Rest Black</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">(4 lbs) \$70.00</p> <input type="checkbox"/>

Example #2: Used outside the downtown area



Potential replacements

	<p>Brooklyn Bench 6' Length 160 lbs \$460 + shipping & handling www.belson.com</p> <p>Color Options</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>red</td> <td>blue</td> <td>green</td> <td>cedar</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>brown</td> <td>white</td> <td>gray</td> <td>black</td> </tr> </table>					red	blue	green	cedar					brown	white	gray	black
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<p>The Brooklyn recycled plastic outdoor bench features arched style frames that form a peaceful and inviting impression. The recycled plastic planks are virtually maintenance-free - they do not need to be sealed, painted or stained. UV protection ensures they will stay beautiful, much longer than wood. Pens and markers can easily be washed off, and paint will not bond to the surface and can be removed with sandpaper. Surface cuts or scratches can simply be ironed away.</p>																	
<p>Available in 4' and 6' lengths. Constructed of seven 2" x 4" Resinwood slats and black recycled plastic bases. The sheer weight of the benches could serve as a theft deterrent, but optional in-ground mount and surface mount kits are available for securing to any surface such as concrete or dirt.</p>																	
<p>PB4-BROOK 4' Length</p>	<p>Choose Back/Seat Color <input type="button" value="v"/></p>	<p>Black Frame (110 lbs) \$375.00</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>														
<p>PB6-BROOK 6' Length</p>	<p>Choose Back/Seat Color <input type="button" value="v"/></p>	<p>Black Frame (160 lbs) \$460.00</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>														
<p>PB1999</p>	<p>In-ground Mount Kit</p>	<p>4 "J" Bolts (1 lbs) \$20.00</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>														
<p>PB1008</p>	<p>Surface Mount Kit</p>	<p>2 "L" Brackets (1 lbs) \$20.00</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>														