

Lake Links Park Trail Task Force Meeting Agenda

March 27, 2024

7:00 PM

- A. Approve February 28 2024 Meeting Minutes (pg. 2)
- B. Approve additional member(s)
- C. Birchwood Village Lake Links trail routes
 - a. What are possible alternate Birchwood Village Lake Links trail routes?
 - b. Would any of these be both feasible and better than the existing posted route for both City residents and the users of the trail?
- D. Vento Regional Trail Extension (pg. 3)
- E. Discussion about obtaining community input
- F. Schedule joint meeting with road safety task force.

Lake Links Park Trail Task Force Meeting Minutes (draft)

February 28, 2024

7:00 PM

- A. Welcome
 - a. Chair : Jesse Granac chair
- B. Appoint Secretary: Ben Creagh
- C. Edit and Finalize Mission Statement
 - a. bike path → bike route
- D. Identify steps and assignments to evaluate the following suggested considerations
 - a. History
 - i. General history of Roads and Streets committee work and Lake Links history.
 - b. Cost and Budget
 - i. Access to state bonding pass up to \$70,000
 - ii. Need to sign off on funding by 12/31/26
 - iii. Checking with S. Shore Blvd plowing/maintenance
 - c. Safety
 - i. Notify city when events are taking place(WBL run, Lake Links ride around the lake)
 - ii. Parking on the top of crest of hills
 - iii. Safety education on how to be seen and predictable
 - d. Other

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering our community through thoughtful analysis, our task force aims to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of implementing a bike and pedestrian route along the roads of our small city. With a commitment to enhancing safety, promoting eco-friendly transportation, and fostering community well-being, we strive to make informed recommendations that align with the needs and aspirations of our residents.

March 17, 2024

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**Trail extension
coming in late 2024**

Construction on a 2.7-mile extension that will push the Bruce Vento Regional Trail farther north into White Bear Lake is scheduled to begin late this year.

The Vento trail, built for bikes and pedestrians, currently runs 7 miles of a planned 13-mile route, from downtown St. Paul to Buerkle Road in White Bear Lake, just north of Maplewood. It follows the path of the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

The planned extension will bring the trail's northern terminus to the intersection of Hoffman Road and Hwy. 61 in White Bear Lake, connecting residents along the route and linking more metro area trails together, said Scott Yonke, director of planning and development for Ramsey County Parks and Recreation.

Yonke said he expects construction to start on the extension in November and take roughly a year. That's all assuming the trail — still in the permitting phase — clears hurdles, including an environmental review and approvals from cities along the trail.

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