

RESOLUTION 14D-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF DULUTH CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR THE CROSS CITY TRAIL

RESOLVED, by the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA), that

1. That the DEDA Board of Commissioners hereby make the following findings:

A. That in 1997, DEDA in cooperation with the City of Duluth acquired the so-called Soo Line Railroad Right-of-way property to assist the City in securing right-of-way for the re-alignment of Michigan Street and to facilitate the redevelopment of the remainder of the railroad right-of-way by conveying it for private development; and

B. Portions of said railroad right-of-way remain unsold because it is unsuitable for economic development purposes because of the condition of the property, geotechnical conditions and the existing uses on surrounding property; and

C. That DEDA has determined that said unsold railroad right-of-way has no present utility or value for economic development purposes and it is not reasonable to expect that this condition will change in the foreseeable future; and

D. The City is in need of significant portions of said unsold railroad right-of-way for trail and recreational purposes and has requested that DEDA convey said right-of-way to the City at no cost to City; and

E. DEDA has determined that the highest and best use of said unsold railroad right-of-way is for trail and recreational purposes and is willing to convey it to the City of Duluth at no cost.

2. The proper DEDA officials are hereby authorized to convey all of DEDA's interest in the following property and easements located in St. Louis County, Minnesota, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.105, by quit claim deed to the City of Duluth at no cost to City:

Property:

Lots 1-3, Block 17 AND Lots 1-6, Block 22, all in O'HARA'S DIVISION OF DULUTH; and

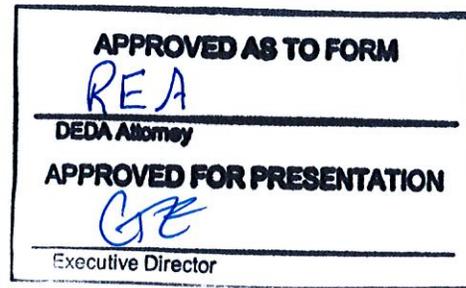
Erie Pier Duluth, Lots 9-34, Ontario Pier Duluth, Lots 9-34, Pittsburg Pier Duluth, Lots 9-34, Philadelphia Pier Duluth, and Lots 1-8, New York Pier, all in the Plat of ONEOTA; and

An easement over:

Nw'ly 20 feet of Lots 1-8, Block 15
HARRINGTON'S ADDITION to DULUTH
Nw'ly 20 feet of Lots 1-4, Boston Pier Duluth

Approved by the Duluth Economic Development Authority this 26th day of February, 2014.

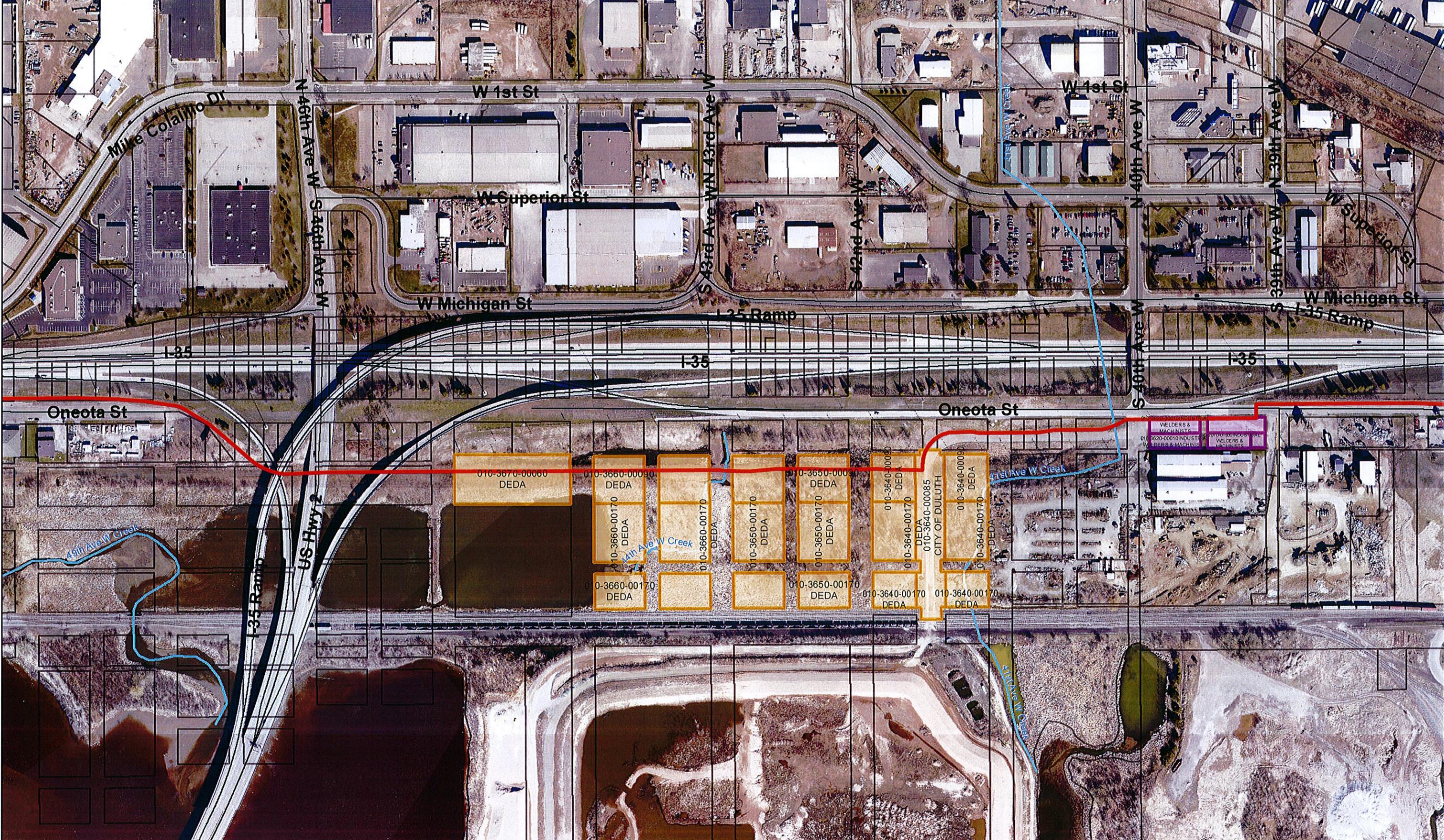
ATTEST:



Executive Director

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: DEDA purchased former railroad right-of-way (ROW) from the Soo railroad in 1997. The purchase was initiated to make land available to the City for its realignment of West Michigan Street. The excess ROW was then sold by the DEDA for purpose of economic development. The majority of the land sales were of narrow, 45' parcels to the adjacent property owners. There were several larger lots included in the ROW inventory; those were sold through a competitive project basis. In anticipation of the future construction of a City Cross City Trail, DEDA retained trail easements--to be eventually conveyed to the City--in the land sales along the proposed route.

Since that time, the trail route has changed numerous times and the City is now ready to construct the next segment of the trail that involves former ROW properties. In addition, there are several large parcels that are unsuitable for economic development purposes due to their wetland conditions; they would be better suited for natural preservation/recreational purposes. This resolution authorizes the free conveyance by DEDA to the City of these excess properties for trail and recreation purposes.



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- Cross-City Trail
- Trail Easement
- DEDA Property

Map of DEDA Property and Easements Being Conveyed to City of Duluth

Exhibit A



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1 inch = 300 feet

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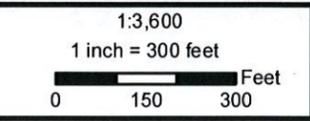


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