



Third Street Kellogg Bridge Bonding Proposal



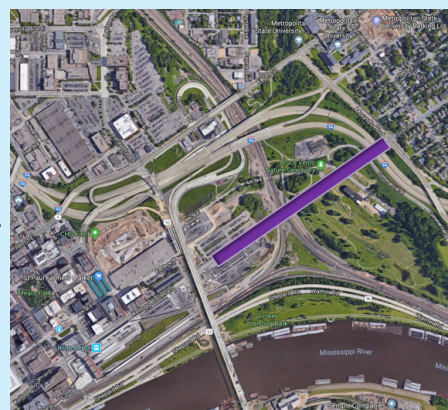
Background:

The Third Street Bridge is a critical arterial bridge that connects the Mounds Park neighborhood to Lowertown and the downtown Entertainment District. Built in 1982, it is the longest bridge owned by the City of Saint Paul, spanning over 2,100 feet. When operating at full four-lane capacity, average daily bridge traffic was 14,400 vehicles. The bridge has been restricted to three traffic lanes and one 6-foot wide sidewalk since September 2014 due to structural deficiencies.

Scope:

The project will reconstruct the Third Street Kellogg Bridge from Lafayette St to Mounds Blvd. The construction project will cost \$92.4 million and involves demolition of the current structure and reconstruction of piers, abutments, beams, bridge deck, railings, parapets and approach roadways. The current funding still needed for this project is \$29.7 million.

The Third Street Kellogg Bridge is the proposed route for Gold Line BRT as it enters downtown Saint Paul, enroute to the Union Depot transportation hub. The City will coordinate with its regional partners to improve traffic signal and intersection accommodations for BRT as part of this project.



Future Impact on Saint Paul:

More people are choosing to live and work downtown, and that trend is expected to continue over the next decade. As downtown Saint Paul continues to grow, the Third Street Kellogg Bridge will become an increasingly essential link between Lowertown, the Mounds Park neighborhood, and multimodal regional transportation systems. It further provides access for east side residents to the workforce opportunities generated by recent downtown business development.

Decision to Reconstruct:

In order to provide safe and reliable access into downtown Saint Paul, the City must invest now to restore service and operations to the Third Street Kellogg Bridge. It is essential to address this issue with a long-term, fiscally-responsible solution. Reconstruction provides this solution, offering a 75-year service life, eliminating costly and inefficient maintenance of a substandard bridge, and providing multimodal facilities that encourage, rather than restrict, future transportation demands.



Reconstruction of the Third Street Kellogg Bridge will allow Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota to maximize the potential of its valuable resources to meet the region's current and future public infrastructure needs.

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