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**Re: Legal Opinion Regarding Legal Standing and Rights Under Section 4(f) of the Federal DOT Act of 1966, and Other Laws to Protect Chain of Lakes Regional Park and the Grand Rounds Canal Between Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake from impacts of the Southwest Light Rail Transit ("SWLRT") Project**

Dear Jennifer and Renay:

This will confirm our discussions regarding our scope of services and budget to provide legal advice to the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board ("Park Board") in connection with the above-referenced matter.

**Scope of Work**

We will provide oral and written legal opinions, as needed, concerning the above-referenced topics and attend meetings with the Park Board and its staff as requested. The Firm confirms it is available to represent the Park Board should it decide to pursue litigation on the above referenced topics. This scope of work does not involve any undertaking beyond preparation and delivery of the legal opinions sought, and expressly does not include any negotiations, meetings or litigation with other parties relating to the subject matter of the legal opinions. In the event the Park Board decides to authorize the Firm to pursue such litigation, the scope of work, budget and fees and expenses will be re-negotiated to reflect the increased scope of work.

**Fees and Charges**

Our fees for this scope of work will be based upon and billed at reduced governmental rates of each attorney, paralegal and other timekeeper performing services on your behalf, subject to a not-to-exceed fee amount of \$19,000. The hourly rates of the attorneys anticipated to work on this matter are as follows:

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<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Byron Starns	\$475
Robert Devolve	\$400
Evan Berquist	\$275

In addition to billing for fees, we will itemize and bill for reimbursable expenses incurred for copying costs, computer research charges and similar out of pocket costs. The maximum amount to be billed for reimbursable expenses for this scope of work will not exceed \$3,000.00

Also enclosed is a preliminary budget for our work. We will meet with you to review the activities to be initiated and to refine the scope of work and budget to meet your legal needs and budget objectives.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on this interesting and important matter.

Sincerely,

STINSON LEONARD STREET LLP

Byron E. Starns

ACCEPTED AND AGREED

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_