

Community Engagement Assessment

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Division/Department: Asset Management and Planning

Level of Engagement: Inform

Project, Program, or Initiative Name: Minnehaha Creek Segment 4 Tennis Courts Transformation

Project Description (100 words recommended):

This project is the first step towards transforming three banks of tennis courts, all currently in very poor condition, along Minnehaha Creek between Lake Hiawatha and Minnehaha Regional Park. This project will include transitioning one bank of courts to pollinator lawn. It will also include demolition and site preparation of the other two banks of courts where improvements will be completed in the near future. Improvements to those two banks of courts will include tennis for one bank and a bike skills park for the other. The transformation of these courts over time follows the Board adopted long-term plan for Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail.

Level of Engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Partner
Engagement Goal	To provide stakeholders with factual, accessible, balanced, and timely information to help them understand the project, program, or initiative.	To obtain stakeholder feedback on project, initiative, or program analysis, alternatives, or decisions.	To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that perspectives are consistently understood, considered, and reflected in project, program, or initiative decisions.	To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of decision making in order to develop and implement collaborative project, program, or initiative solutions.
Criteria to Determine Level of Engagement (Which level of engagement best describes your project?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a decision that should be based on technical, operational, or safety constraints only. This is a project, program, or initiative that does not result in a change in the type, location, or extent of the current facility or service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project takes place in a park that has been master planned. This is a new city-wide initiative or program. This is a new public policy or public policy update. The outcome is likely to change based on community input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project requires a CAC. This project does not have other policy guidance such as an existing master plan or public policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program, project, or initiative is being developed in partnership with another agency or organization.
MPRB Promise	MPRB will keep you informed.	MPRB will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge feedback, work to integrate stakeholder feedback into the alternatives, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and to incorporate recommendations to the extent possible.	The MPRB and partner entity will be accountable to their roles as negotiated in the partnership and regularly evaluate overall success of the partnership.
Examples of project types	Repaving a parking lot, cutting down a tree, beach or swimming pool closures, ADA improvements, rehab	Approved master plan design implementation, city or service area wide program development, public policy development, Participatory Project Scoping	Master plans, any process that includes a formal public body making recommendations.	Jointly owned and/or operated facilities, co-creation, public/private partnership, community led projects.

This engagement grid was adapted from the IAP2 International Federation 2014 Public Participation Spectrum.

Justification (100 words recommended):

The current quality of the surfacing for all three banks of tennis courts is so poor that they are almost completely unusable. This project will address operational issues and will be limited to technical decisions. The project extents will be within the same general footprints of each bank of courts.

For projects, programs, or initiatives that fall under the Inform category of engagement: what are your planned methods for informing the public?

Posting on project website, GovDelivery email blast, and on-site signage.