



TO: Dr. Kate Maguire, Superintendent  
FROM: Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services  
Jim Langevin, Manager of Facilities and Safety  
SUBJECT: City of St. Louis Park offer to acquire land for Cedar Lake Road project

The purpose of this memo is to recommend that the School Board accept the offer received by the City of St. Louis Park to acquire the necessary right of way to complete the Cedar Lake Road project.

### **Background**

As part of the Cedar Lake Road project, the City of St. Louis Park needs right of way onto school district property for two purposes:

1. 11,894 square feet for a permanent sidewalk, trail and drainage/utility easement
2. 11,210 square feet for a temporary construction easement

St. Louis Park Public Schools has received an offer for the city's acquisition of this property for the sum of \$121,200.

The District can secure an independent appraisal of the property in question to validate the offer. In my experience, this is not a necessary step. If the District rejects this offer, it may result in the city acquiring the land through eminent domain.

District and City staff have met to review options and we are prepared to recommend that the School Board move forward with accepting the current offer.

Included in the November 14, 2023 school board meeting materials are:

1. Document containing the Offer to Acquire, Value Certification, Appraisal Receipt & Disclosure, Memorandum of Agreement and Easement
2. Cedar Lake Road Project Parcel Map
3. Cedar Lake Road Project Appraisal Report
4. Guidebook for Property Owners

### **Recommended next steps**

We recommend that the School Board of Independent School District 283, St. Louis Park Public Schools, accept the formal offer from the City of St. Louis Park in the amount of \$121,200 for the purchase of necessary land rights to complete the Cedar Lake Road project.