

PROPOSED GGST PROJECTS IN COOK & LAKE COUNTIES

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The Gitchi-Gami Trail Association seeks support for four crucial Gitchi-Gami State Trail projects.



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COMPLETED TRAIL (2017)*
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\$1.5 M

Lutsen Segment Extension

\$1 M

Design/Engineering and Construction of Tofte Segment Extensions

\$500,000

Two Harbors to Flood Bay State Wayside Segment Design/Engineering

\$500,000

Design/Engineering for Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park Segment

Total: \$3.5Million



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PROJECT: LUTSEN SEGMENT EXTENSION

\$1.5M

FUNDING TO DATE:

\$600,000 – Federal Transportation Alternatives (FY22)
 \$500,000 – LCCMR

Current funds are tied to a 1.5 mile extension of trail from Ski Hill Road into Lutsen’s town center area. Due to stormwater mitigation and need to design portions of this segment in an urban style (culverts, curb, gutters) this segment offers significant challenges. Additional funds are requested to fill in funding gap for this first phase; and to enable MnDNR to design, engineer and construct a more straightforward second approximately 1-mile phase from the town center to the intersection with Caribou Trail. MnDNR to hire engineering consultant this winter.

LUTSEN



BENEFITS:

- Safety enhancements (current Hwy 61 shoulders <3ft)
- Wellness benefits
- Transportation alternative for residents, guest workers & visitors
- Connects west Cook County communities
- Connects to Temperance State Park, state areas, amenities, museums, places of employment, businesses
- Segment has significant public input and support
- Well supported project by Town officials, County, citizens, business groups, individual businesses



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PROJECT: TOFTE SEGMENT EXTENSION

\$1 M

FUNDING TO DATE: \$300,000 – MN State Bonds (2018)
\$1 M – LCCMR

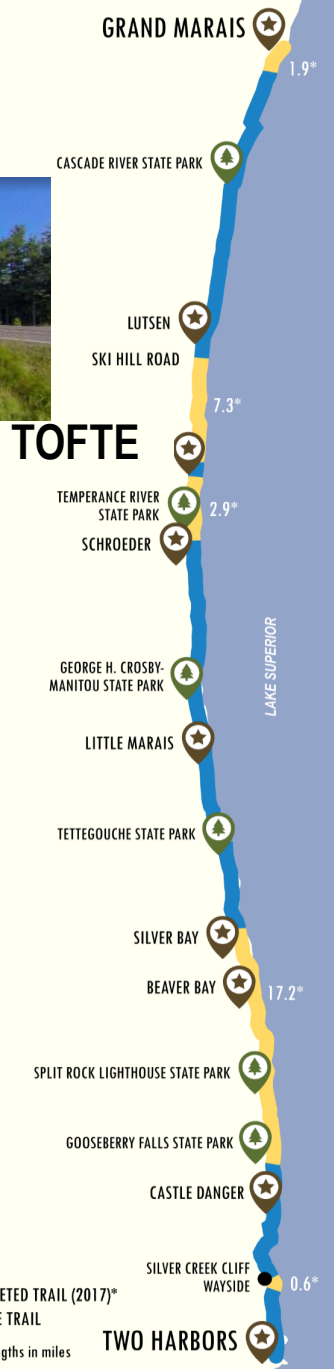
MnDNR engineers currently estimate the next phase of trail construction in Tofte, connecting the current SW terminus near the Tofte Ranger Station about ½ miles to the Sawtooth Outfitters/Bluefin Check-In area to cost \$1.76M. This segment of trail will be in MnDOT right of way on the inland side. It will require significant mitigation for storm water including culverts, curb and gutter. Additional funds are requested to fill the \$460,000 gap in needed funding for this phase, as well as \$540,000 for design and engineering funds to connect this phase to current NE terminus near the Commercial Fishing Museum. Construction anticipated in 2021 and 2022 on next phase if funding appropriated.

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PROJECT: TWO HARBORS TO FLOOD BAY \$500,000

FUNDING TO DATE: \$300,000 – Federal Transportation Alternatives (2024)

MnDNR was awarded \$300,000 in Federal Transportation Alternatives for construction of a 1.5-mile segment of trail from Two Harbors near the RJ Houle Visitors Center/Municipal Campground area to the Flood Bay State Wayside. This segment of trail will connect to a well-maintained Two Harbors city network of trail. What will be an incredibly scenic segment of trail connecting residents of and visitors to Two Harbors to a popular state amenity, it also connects guest workers to a significant community employer at Superior Shores resort. Requested funds will pay for design and engineering for this segment which is crucial as wetland mitigation strategies will need to be employed. Determining alignment and final cost estimates are necessary before seeking all available funding options to leverage federal funds awarded.

BENEFITS:

- Safety enhancements and wellness benefits
- Transportation alternative for residents, guest workers & visitors
- Provides Safe Routes to Schools access for families living in Burlington to access Minnehaha Elementary, and the trail system leading to Two Harbors' secondary school
- Connects to a popular, but somewhat difficult to access state wayside,
- Segment has significant public input and support
- Well-supported project by the City, County, citizens, individual businesses, including new ownership of Superior Shores Resort



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PROJECT: SILVER BAY TO TETTEGOUCHE

\$500,000

FUNDING TO DATE:

\$0

Funding requested will permit MnDNR to hire a consultant to design and engineer an approximately 8-mile segment of trail connecting the City of Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park. Determining alignment and developing accurate cost estimates will allow this project to be broken into phases and guide future funding and grants solicitation.

When this segment is completed, there will be an approximately 25-mile trail segment connecting two cities, three state parks, and several other state areas and community parks and resources.

BENEFITS:

- Safety enhancements
- Wellness benefits
- State Park connections, Gooseberry, Split Rock & Tettegouche
- Possible connections via spurs to Black Beach/campground/Palisade Head
- Connects to amenities, campgrounds, museums, places of employment, schools, museums/historical sites, businesses
- Segment has significant public input and support
- Well-supported project by City, County, citizens, business groups, individual businesses



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