**PROJECT TITLE: Mesabi Trail; New Trail & Trailhead Development and Additional Funding Request**

**I. PROJECT STATEMENT**

Request funding for constructing two new Mesabi Trail segments and one new trailhead; and additional funding needed to complete five trail segments currently under development.

New funding will be used to construct trail segments: Wahlsten Road to City of Tower; and Palo Tia Road to Sauna Road; and a Trailhead at the Bruce Headframe Historic Site.

Additional funding request is for those trail segments previously approved/funded by the LCCMR and are in need of additional funds to complete construction including: Hwy 1/169 Underpass to Ely; and Wolf Creek to Hwy 1/169 Underpass; and Trygg Road to Eagles Nest; and Sauna Road to Wahlsten Road; and City of Biwabik to the City of McKinley.

**II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

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| **Activity 1 Title: New Trail - Wahlsten Road to the City of Tower** **Description:**PerformEnvironmental review, permitting, acquire r-o-w, design and construct a 10’ wide, bituminous surface trail from Wahlsten Road (intersection of CR 26 and State Hwy 135) to the existing Mesabi Trail located near Locomotive Park in the City of Tower. This segment will connect to the planned Sauna Road to Wahlsten Road project on the southerly end. This trail is approximately 6 miles in length planned to be located partly on the abandon DM& IR Railroad grade and through forested areas. The trail will pass through the City of Tower Memorial Forest. **ENRTF BUDGET: $ 1,962,000** |  |

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| **Outcome** | **Completion Date** |
| *1.* Environmental review and permitting | June *2021* |
| *2.* Design, acquire right-of-way | October2021 |
| *3.* Construction | *June 2023* |

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| **Activity 2 Title: New Trail - Palo Tia Road to Sauna Road****Description:**PerformEnvironmental review, permitting, acquire r-o-w, design and construct a 10’ wide, bituminous surface trail from the existing Mesabi Trail at Palo Tia Road to Sauna Road (intersection of Sauna Road and CH 21). This segment will connect to the planned Sauna Road to Wahlsten Road project on the northerly end. This trail is approximately 2 miles in length planned to be located alongside of Palo Tia Road and CH 21 for the entire length. **ENRTF BUDGET: $825,000** |  |

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| **Outcome** | **Completion Date** |
| *1.* Environmental review and permitting | complete |
| *2.* Design, acquire right-of-way | October 2020 |
| *3.* Construction | November 2021 |

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| **Activity 3 Title: New Trailhead – Bruce Head Frame Historic Site****Description:**PerformEnvironmental review, permitting, design and construction of a trailhead at the site of the Bruce Headframe located at the easterly entrance to the City of Chisholm. The Trailhead will include an access road, parking, restrooms, landscaping, overlook and interpretation of the function of the Bruce Mine Headframe Historic site. **ENRTF BUDGET: $1,550,000** |  |

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| **Outcome** | **Completion Date** |
| *1.* Environmental review and permitting | June 2021 |
| *2.* Design, acquire right-of-way | December 2021 |
| *3.* Construction | June 2023 |

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| **Activity 4 Title: Additional Funding Request** **Description:** *R*equesting additional construction funds to build the trail segments listed within “Outcomes”. The attached project map identifies the location and current funding for each segment. For the most part, environmental work, planning, design and right-of-way have been completed or current funding is being used to complete these tasks.Additional funds will be used for increased construction costs, wetland mitigations, and environmental permitting primarily for realigned trail segments. Each of these segments has been reviewed by LCCMR and further described within year 2015, 2017, 2018 & 2019 Workplans. **ENRTF BUDGET: $ 2,000,000** |  |

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| **Outcome** | **Completion Date** |
| Hwy 1/169 Underpass to City of Ely, length approximately 6 miles | November *2020* |
| Wolf Creek to Hwy 1/169 underpass, length approximately 3 miles | October2021 |
| Trygg Road to Eagles Nest Town Hall, length approximately 2 miles | June 2023 |
| Sauna Road to Wahlsten Road, length approximately 6.5 miles | November 2021 |
| City of Biwabik to City of McKinley, length approximately 5.5 miles | November 2022 |