



Inver Grove Heights Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Presentations**
 - A. Olivia Skelton, Communications Specialist - Parks and Recreation
4. **Announcements**
 - A. Next meeting - Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 7:00 pm
 - B. Work Session - Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 5:00pm
5. **Consent Agenda**

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and have been made available to the Commission at least two days prior to the meeting; the items will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from this Agenda and considered in normal sequence.

 - A. Approval of Agenda
6. **Public Comment**

Public comment provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.
7. **Unfinished Business**

Items that are brought back to the Commission for action from a previous meeting
8. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. Select Rock Island Swing Bridge Lighting Option
9. **Administrative Presentations**
 - A. Department Happenings
 1. Parks Superintendent Update
 2. Recreation Superintendent Update
 - B. Parks and Recreation Director Updates
 1. Heritage Village Park Inclusive Splash Pad Survey
 2. Recording Secretary - Update
10. **Commission Comments**
11. **Adjourn**

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Staff Report

SUBJECT: Select Rock Island Swing Bridge Lighting Option

MEETING DATE: March 13, 2024

ITEM TYPE: Regular Agenda

CONTACT: Adam Lares, Parks & Recreation Director, 651.450.2587

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is asked to select which lighting design options to recommend to the City Council for final design advancement.

BACKGROUND

As previously presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC), council gave staff the direction to enter into an agreement with SEH to begin the preliminary lighting design of the Rock Island Swing Bridge. As a result, SEH met with the Heritage Village Park Future development subcommittee group and staff on January 3, 2024, to extract feedback and direction to provide several lighting concepts for the bridge.

The PRAC selected two options to put out for community engagement from February 15 - March 10, 2024, via survey on the city's social media forums and website. The results are ready to be reviewed, and for the PRAC to make a recommendation to the council to move forward with the final design. (See attached survey results)

FISCAL IMPACT

As a reminder, during the 2023 legislative session, the State of Minnesota awarded funding to Dakota County for a potential project within the city of Inver Grove Heights.

The project appropriation provides \$458,000 to add lightening or make other improvements to the Rock Island Swing Bridge (RISB) and the surrounding trail head area. The trail head, parking lot and restroom building in this area are owned and maintained by Dakota County, but the actual bridge is the City's property. Therefore, discussions have been taking place regarding the County transferring the state appropriated funds to the City for a lighting project on the bridge. Over the past several months, the city and county staff have been working on a work plan for this lighting project to secure funding from the state through a grant agreement.

As a result, there will be \$458,000 available for this project, which will include professional design, bidding, and construction administrative services, and project construction.

RECOMMENDATION

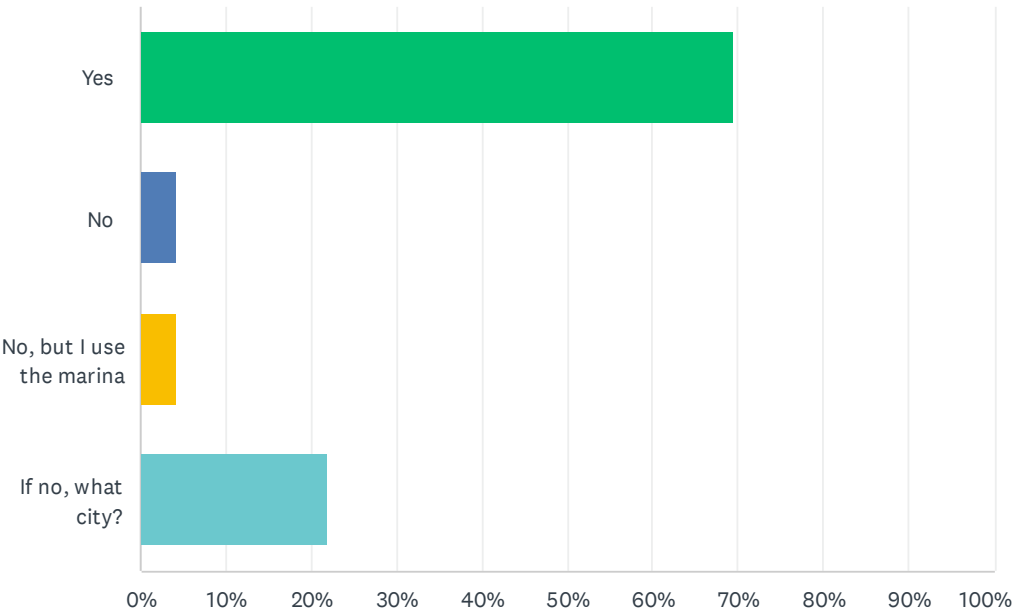
Staff recommends the PRAC select option 1 to the council to advance final design with SEH.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Swing Bridge Survey Results
2. Swing Bridge Survey Results - Question 4

Q1 Are you an Inver Grove Heights resident?

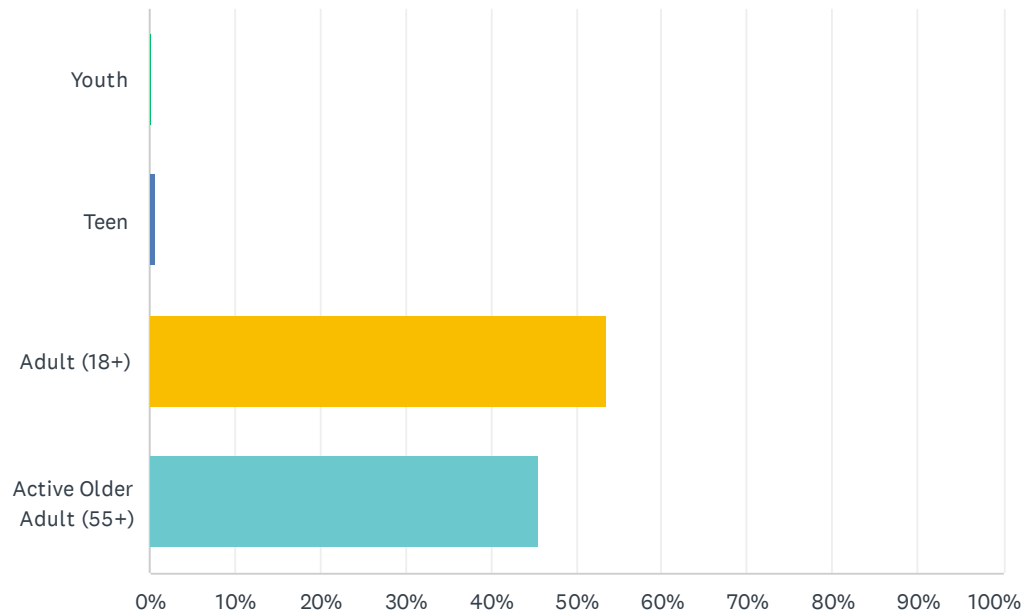
Answered: 621 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.57%	432
No	4.19%	26
No, but I use the marina	4.19%	26
If no, what city?	22.06%	137
TOTAL		621

Q2 What is your age category?

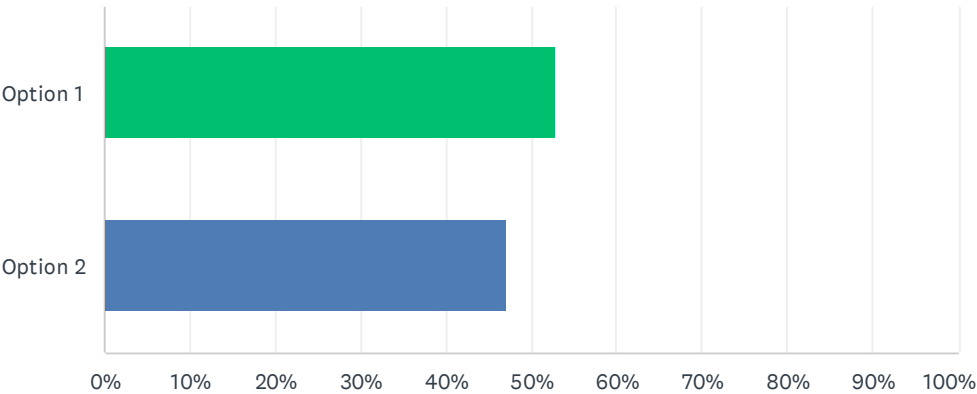
Answered: 621 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth	0.16%	1
Teen	0.64%	4
Adult (18+)	53.62%	333
Active Older Adult (55+)	45.57%	283
TOTAL		621

Q3 Which option do you prefer?

Answered: 557 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1	52.96%	295
Option 2	47.04%	262
TOTAL		557

Q4 Any additional comments:

Answered: 195 Skipped: 429

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Answered: 195 Skipped: 429

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Cheapest option	3/9/2024 5:50 PM
2	How does this sort of lighting over a waterway affect birds in migration?	3/9/2024 12:40 PM
3	Please use dark sky lighting. It is a nice eminity but please do not contribute to light pollution. Turn lights out at 10:00, etc.	3/5/2024 7:43 AM
4	I think it would look beautiful, especially from the river.	3/4/2024 8:43 AM
5	Rainbow would be amazing just for during Pride Month	3/2/2024 8:33 PM
6	A single like deep blue or green would look best at night to keep the historic nature of the bridge!	3/2/2024 8:20 AM
7	use the money on things the whole community could enjoy	3/1/2024 8:19 PM
8	Because if I don't say something you're just going to piss my tax money away on something even stupider so at least I can see my taxes do a thing	3/1/2024 7:06 AM
9	Neither option. Simple lights will do, the park is closed at night. Use this money for other things.	2/29/2024 12:09 PM
10	#1 seems more thorough AND the color example is wayyyy more fun than the 2nd. I do see the 2nd option could be different colors, but even the behavior of the 1st is still more fun...the 2nd options behavior seems dated and unoriginal.	2/29/2024 10:49 AM
11	Love that you're doing this! I tell everyone about this hidden gem. Loved using the bridge as a kid, going here as a teen, and now safely visiting as a grown up. Had my baby shower there. Thank you for bringing more beauty to the view by refinery	2/29/2024 4:53 AM
12	None don't spend money on lights for a bridge that isn't open at night and spend money on trees and greenery. (Don't need more roads)	2/28/2024 7:26 PM
13	Option 1!!!!!! >	2/28/2024 6:34 PM
14	Thanks for giving us a chance to share our opinions!	2/28/2024 4:20 PM
15	Neither option. Use the funds awarded for other improvements. We do not need lights on the bridge.	2/28/2024 12:59 PM
16	Looks Awesome!	2/28/2024 11:57 AM
17	No lights. Waste of Money	2/28/2024 10:27 AM
18	No option. Return the over taxed money to the people the mn govyrpped off. We don't need no lights. Mn government sure likes to spend other peoples money. Low my taxes.	2/28/2024 7:13 AM
19	Red White & Blue all the way! Go USA!	2/28/2024 7:07 AM
20	Money should not be used for this.	2/28/2024 2:41 AM
21	Some lighting may be ok for special occasions but otherwise very subdued to reduce light pollution.	2/27/2024 8:52 PM
22	No lights! Spend the money elsewhere.	2/27/2024 8:47 PM
23	I want to see the rainbow!	2/27/2024 8:04 PM
24	I like option 1 because it can be enjoyed from both inside the bridge as well as from passing. The colors are fun and bright.	2/27/2024 7:58 PM
25	Both designs are good but I prefer the first.	2/27/2024 7:19 PM

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26	Love the colors!	2/27/2024 4:16 PM
27	There is nothing more important than lights on a pedestrian bridge to spend money on? Schools, youth sport fields, youth ice arenas. There is still no slower school speed zone for Salem hills elementary . I am aware this money came from the state, this seems like a reason for income tax to be lowered if they can play with money like this. The bridge is already lit.	2/27/2024 1:35 PM
28	Option two looks more timeless	2/27/2024 12:14 PM
29	No lights.	2/27/2024 10:41 AM
30	No lighting at all. What is there now is plenty. Waste of taxpayer resources & not necessary	2/27/2024 10:37 AM
31	I hope soft lighting not harsh bright lights	2/27/2024 10:03 AM
32	I do not prefer either option and do not think additional lights should be added to the bridge. With the bridge not being visible from multiple easily accessible land locations, I see this change as poor use of time and energy. There is already enough light pollution coming from the refinery across the river.	2/27/2024 9:47 AM
33	Huge waste of money. Don't do it at all. More ridiculous spending by our legislature.	2/27/2024 9:19 AM
34	My ultimate preference is: Do NOT use tax-payer dollars on this!!!! If you have surplus tax dollars, how about using the money for preparations in case of a power-grid failure.	2/27/2024 8:44 AM
35	Neither. Please don't add lighting	2/27/2024 7:39 AM
36	Take it down or shorten it. Never did understand people liking that bridge	2/27/2024 6:28 AM
37	None of the options. Waste of money. Stop blowing money on park improvements, pickleball, dog parks etc. And fix the roads and attract more businesses to IGH. Concord is boring..... and it shouldn't be!	2/27/2024 6:13 AM
38	I hate how rainbows and colors are seen as political statements. I'm a member of the LGBT community and both are so beautiful, don't let the haters take beauty away from Dakota county residents.	2/26/2024 11:25 PM
39	Quit spending all of our tax dollars on BS like this. Better use of the money would be to fix some of our roads. Cahill is one giant pothole!!	2/26/2024 9:45 PM
40	No PRIDE colors, please. Everyone has a right to be and express how they want to live but it brings a lot of division for some people and doesn't make everyone feel welcome.	2/26/2024 8:14 PM
41	I think the rainbow is not only a fun idea for everybody but also will no matter what have everyone's favorite color!	2/26/2024 8:01 PM
42	TrimLight, Kevin is the owner, he has done the lights on Stillwater bridge for years for annual xmas lights. He has done a few houses in our neighbor hood with TrimLight. Summit Pines. Check out TrimLight for lighting options	2/26/2024 7:07 PM
43	Try to keep down the light pollution. Keep lights aiming down.	2/26/2024 6:58 PM
44	I lived in Inver Grove It's for 22 years. Might return someday. I think having a better light experience while near or on the bridge would be preferable.	2/26/2024 6:18 PM
45	Love the idea to customize lights. From simple white to supportive colors for any season. I do not travel to see the bridge much, so a nightly photo or video would be a nice way for me to view the bridge. That's the only way I would be able to enjoy it.	2/26/2024 6:18 PM
46	I cycle to this bridge from Apple Valley a lot. Alternatively, I'll drive the kids to the bridge and we'll bike out from there. Thanks for keeping this park so nice!	2/26/2024 5:09 PM
47	Color changing and follow the twin cities other buildings and bridges, towers such as Lowery Ave bridge, Eagan tower, Mpls Convention Center roof, change with Holidays and other events purple for Prince, NCAA events, Super Bowl, etc.	2/26/2024 4:15 PM
48	The only concern would be light pollution issues. Thanks for asking.	2/26/2024 3:59 PM
49	I think we need to be careful that it doesn't end up looking like an amusement park. With too many changing colors.	2/26/2024 3:24 PM
50	None of the above. I like it fine right now.	2/26/2024 3:23 PM

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51	Study needs to be done on light pollution and on how it will affect animals.	2/26/2024 3:15 PM
52	Would prefer no lights. The refinery is bad enough and takes away from the scenic experience. Rather our tax dollars be spent on improvements, maintenance of our city.	2/26/2024 3:09 PM
53	Red White & Blue on holidays and blue the rest of the year would be great!	2/26/2024 2:52 PM
54	Red white and blue to represent ALL Americans	2/26/2024 2:22 PM
55	Two looks like it uses less electricity.	2/26/2024 2:21 PM
56	My family and I often visit the swing bridge in the summer or are on the river on a boat. Great idea to light it!	2/26/2024 2:13 PM
57	Honor our men fighting for our country.	2/26/2024 2:06 PM
58	No lights.	2/26/2024 1:59 PM
59	No lights	2/26/2024 1:50 PM
60	Thanks for your work and commitment to improve our city. Many people love to complain about change and every penny spent. But I appreciate you!	2/26/2024 1:29 PM
61	Option 3: None Of the above Spend the money where it's more useful.	2/26/2024 1:22 PM
62	Neither. Prefer no lights on bridge	2/26/2024 1:07 PM
63	I enjoy walking on the swing bridge at night. These lights would add to the beauty on the bridge	2/26/2024 12:56 PM
64	Any lighting is light pollution and unnecessary for safety since the swing bridge is closed after dark. I hate both ugly options.	2/26/2024 12:50 PM
65	Interior colors look fun to walk through!	2/26/2024 12:49 PM
66	There aren't many ways to view the bridge "from afar" unless you're in a boat ... Or at the Mississippi pub. If there were easy ways to view from afar, then I would have chosen option 2.	2/26/2024 12:40 PM
67	No lights - fish flies love them	2/26/2024 12:35 PM
68	I'd prefer a more understated, classy version than even option 2. Maybe white and blue lights or just white. Option 1 is far too garish for my taste.	2/26/2024 12:27 PM
69	Anything but a rainbow. Even just white lighting	2/26/2024 11:47 AM
70	If it could be powered by a stand alone solar system, it would make for some awesome pr. If you're going to use energy for decorative lighting it may as well be green energy.	2/26/2024 11:24 AM
71	I prefer NO lighting.	2/26/2024 11:19 AM
72	I prefer no lights	2/26/2024 10:49 AM
73	Love this!! Thank you!!	2/26/2024 10:42 AM
74	If we have to have any it should be red, white and blue or blue. We don't need any more rainbow shit in our state.	2/26/2024 10:39 AM
75	no lights at all! spend the tax dollars on something that positively impacts IGH residents	2/26/2024 10:27 AM
76	Neither option. Please don't add to light pollution	2/26/2024 10:23 AM
77	I like both. #2, then #1. #2 should show the design of the whole bridge but could add more light and won't let the stars shine as much. #1- shows less light and not so much of the bridge it looks like. The moon/stars maybe able to be seen better.	2/26/2024 10:08 AM
78	Option 1 let's everyone enjoy the bridge!	2/26/2024 10:07 AM
79	Neither option, spend money on something else	2/26/2024 9:51 AM
80	I didn't realize you could be on the bridge at night.	2/26/2024 9:47 AM
81	Option 1 is straight gay! USA	2/26/2024 9:29 AM

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82	I chose option 1 only because there isn't a 3rd option: NO LIGHTS. The park isn't even open after dark and all the lights would do is attract people to a closed park.	2/26/2024 9:24 AM
83	As long as it's not always rainbow!	2/26/2024 9:19 AM
84	No lights. What an absolute waste of taxpayer funds. Fix the roads in Inver grove heights. Jesus H!	2/26/2024 9:16 AM
85	Neither	2/26/2024 9:09 AM
86	Or none. Why light the bridge at all?	2/26/2024 9:06 AM
87	I love that option 1 provide an experience for those actually on the bridge. I feel like it's more of an impact for a greater population that experiences the bridge - especially since it's tucked back and I'm not even sure how many people driving over 494 across the river would catch it from afar (aside from the obvious boats on the river that would see it).	2/26/2024 9:05 AM
88	Number one colors represent a small percentage of people. Number two colors represent everyone that lives in America and one of the few things we all still have in common to hold us together.	2/26/2024 9:03 AM
89	The bridge lighting should be enjoyed by those who live in Inver Grove or nearby. Those that actually visit the Swingbridge in person. We don't want to light the bridge for just those that are just a passerby.	2/26/2024 9:00 AM
90	Option two doesn't alienate Muslim, Jewish, and Christian beliefs. Everyone wants inclusion unless they're religious. My daughter is lgbtq and is also tired of it being "celebrated" and not just normal.	2/26/2024 8:59 AM
91	Thanks for doing this!	2/26/2024 8:53 AM
92	Why a waste leave it natural there is enough light Pollution in that area . There must be other more important things that the trail needs.	2/26/2024 8:50 AM
93	None. No lights. Poor use of tax dollars. Contributes to light pollution	2/26/2024 8:46 AM
94	None	2/26/2024 8:46 AM
95	If the funding is all coming from the state legislature and no city funds are being used I am all for it. If the city has to put in funds I would consider other improvements.	2/26/2024 8:32 AM
96	Instead of wasting money on extra lighting to make something historic a modern piece of art, why don't we spend that money on imperative city function and growing the the tax base with commercial instead of section 8 housing.	2/26/2024 8:31 AM
97	With either option, these lights should be shut off when the park is closed. LED is lower cost, not no cost. This contributes to light pollution and hurts migrating birds/insects.	2/26/2024 8:30 AM
98	Let's proclaim in lights the beauty of America, we the people, all Americans. This also shows respect for the community officers (police, fire and sheriff) that give to keep us safe.	2/26/2024 8:26 AM
99	I think you should spend the money in a different way.	2/26/2024 8:26 AM
100	This survey results are going to be skewed because people are focusing on the colors and not the placement	2/26/2024 8:25 AM
101	I think less lighting would be better for wildlife and the neighbors.	2/26/2024 8:16 AM
102	Very few will experience the color changing on an interior. Also, white light is best for safety and those with different visual abilities.	2/26/2024 8:15 AM
103	I truly prefer we don't spend any money lighting the bridge. I definitely want red white blue not rainbows and definitely option 2 because park is closed at night and nobody will be on the bridge to enjoy	2/26/2024 8:14 AM
104	Why are we spending money on lighting a park that's closed at night? Can't we find other parks to improve?	2/26/2024 8:06 AM
105	If the park and the swing bridge are closed after dark there is no reason to have fancy lights inside	2/26/2024 8:04 AM
106	While a loud group of people are likely to gripe about any spending that isn't purely functional,	2/26/2024 8:02 AM

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the rest of us appreciate beautification projects like this. Looks great. Thank you for pursuing this.

107	I don't like the colored lights. Please consider keeping them white.	2/26/2024 8:02 AM
108	Keep it simple if doing this project. I like watching the stars from the bridge and more lights will stop this hobby for me at this location.	2/26/2024 7:58 AM
109	Neither. I can think of other ways to spend money in our city. Please fix and upkeep our roads. They are in desperate need after years of neglect. If they could be repaired with a quality asphalt product and then rolled out smoothly (yes, even the potholes) we would be in much better shape. On one end of my street it turns into S St. Paul. They do a great job with their roads then you drive onto the IGH part of the road and it's a nightmare with repairs that don't last.	2/26/2024 7:57 AM
110	It looks cool but I'm lost on what the point of spending money on this is for.	2/26/2024 7:55 AM
111	Love the idea that the lights will attract people to come see the bridge at night so those on the bridge and also from afar.	2/26/2024 7:54 AM
112	Neither. Waste of money and has anyone heard of light pollution.	2/26/2024 7:54 AM
113	This doesn't seem necessary. Much other places the money could go in our city, like the roads!	2/26/2024 7:51 AM
114	Neither. It's not a bridge that traffic goes through. While it's my favorite bridge in The Grove, I love the simplicity and the history of the bridge and don't think making it a showy bridge suites the history of the bridge.	2/26/2024 7:46 AM
115	And the colors should never ever be used for political organizations, or activist groups. Or if lit for activist groups must lite for all activist groups even ones you do not like.	2/26/2024 7:46 AM
116	You should consider the impact on the environment by adding lights including the insects that may be impacted before doing this project.	2/26/2024 7:44 AM
117	Waste of money	2/26/2024 7:41 AM
118	None. Total waste of money.	2/26/2024 7:41 AM
119	Neither.	2/26/2024 7:40 AM
120	Nice to have a timer during mayfly season to shut the lights off to not have that disgusting smell and slipperiness from the dead ones.	2/26/2024 7:38 AM
121	This is a complete waste of tax dollars. If you guys put up a rainbow bridge, I will move.	2/26/2024 7:38 AM
122	I am not in support of this plan because of the affects lights at night can have on wildlife, especially birds. The river is a major wildlife area. Unless the effects have been looked into, I strongly urge you to put this plan on hold until you discuss this with wildlife experts.	2/26/2024 7:36 AM
123	Why waste the money? Seems liker there would be much better things to spend out tax dollars on.	2/26/2024 7:31 AM
124	Would like a patriotic color look of the bridge.	2/26/2024 7:30 AM
125	The second seems to be visually appealing for users and afar. The second option just looks like a bunch of Christmas lights. The 2nd option isn't "orderly".	2/26/2024 7:28 AM
126	No rainbow lighing!	2/26/2024 7:26 AM
127	While pretty, do we really need this? I think we need better lighting in other areas of IGH	2/26/2024 7:24 AM
128	Providing lighting that can be enjoyed on the bridge and far away may assist in helping folks come and use the swing bridge more often and raise awareness of it as a great place to visit with families for those who live in and visit the area.	2/26/2024 7:24 AM
129	If it's installed please ensure park hours are extended into the evening.	2/26/2024 7:24 AM
130	Dose not need to be a rainbow bridge. And you know what that means. Make it simple and elegant. Not a statement of exclusivity and make it enjoyable for all . Not some.	2/26/2024 7:21 AM
131	If rainbow wins, use all seven colors.	2/26/2024 7:18 AM

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132	None. Bring back the lighted fountains to Simley Pond/Lake.	2/26/2024 7:17 AM
133	Lights that are less likely to draw bugs to them or no one will use it at night in the summer	2/26/2024 7:16 AM
134	Color change is nice for honoring or memorializing at different times of the year and under varying circumstances.	2/26/2024 7:14 AM
135	Neither! What a silly way to spend money. Grant or not there are so many other things these dollars could be used towards. Not cool	2/26/2024 7:11 AM
136	Either would be fine, but I like the walking experience of #1 best.	2/26/2024 7:10 AM
137	Consider how the affects of these light will affects birds fish etc in the area. Having lights in the walk way other than white may affect those with disabilities.	2/26/2024 7:08 AM
138	Keep it classic. You shouldn't be distracted by a light show when walking the bridge, you should be enjoying the bridge and river. Less colors the better.	2/26/2024 7:04 AM
139	No lights. Please stop the light pollution.	2/26/2024 7:03 AM
140	Neither - both are gaudy and unnatural - if it must be lighted, just the soft white would be more attractive	2/24/2024 7:58 AM
141	This money could be spent in a better place.we have homeless, drugs out of control, and people with problems that need attention. Do we really need to light a bridge that few people see, across from a refinery?	2/23/2024 1:37 PM
142	Just please remember to turn them off completely during mayfly season!!!	2/23/2024 10:52 AM
143	plane white lights are boring where as colored and changing lights attract more attention.	2/22/2024 3:03 PM
144	Where is the "we don't need lighting" option? I would like to know how lighting affects nearby nesting birds, plants and wildlife, as well as aquatic life. There can be impacts on fertility and health. Do we really need this?	2/22/2024 10:49 AM
145	Option 1 is more aesthetically pleasing, softer, and less commercial looking. Fits the bridges character.	2/22/2024 9:32 AM
146	I don't think this is necessary. Add enough lighting for safety only.	2/22/2024 7:58 AM
147	Option 1 detracts from the experience of viewing the river from the bridge.	2/22/2024 7:31 AM
148	Wow	2/21/2024 8:48 AM
149	I would like to see more seating along the path to the bridge, both upper and lower.	2/20/2024 8:18 PM
150	WHY? Arent there other areas in which we can best spend public money, on a dead end park bridge? UNLESS there are peeps out there at night smoking dope, and creating problems, and lighting is needed for security.	2/20/2024 5:41 PM
151	I like #2 because it looks very American (red, white and blue)	2/20/2024 2:09 PM
152	It'll be fun to see it change for the specific holidays. Red/green xmas, red/pink feb, green march, etc.	2/20/2024 9:19 AM
153	The proposed lighting takes away from the historical aspects of the bridge and should not be utilized. This is not the I-35 bridge. Rethink the idea.	2/20/2024 9:16 AM
154	Being a biased Eagan resident, I think it would be cool to light the bridge according to the day/event like Sperry Tower.	2/20/2024 7:31 AM
155	Save the money for something more important!	2/19/2024 11:37 PM
156	Which option is cheaper to install and maintain? Total Cost of Ownership should always be top of mind when looking at projects like this.	2/19/2024 3:05 PM
157	What a waste of money for something that will look dated and ridiculous in a few years' time. If lights are needed, choose something "classic"!!	2/19/2024 12:20 PM
158	Neither. It seems to be over the top.	2/19/2024 12:10 PM
159	I would prefer something more modest, less flashy. Soft white lighting is elegant year round.	2/19/2024 11:56 AM

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160	Impact on migration wildlife?	2/19/2024 11:10 AM
161	Lilly Smith- Visit Inver Grove Heights Director Things to consider: will there be opportunities to change the led lights for social/health awareness? EX: heart month, first responders, alzheimer's I know some of those bigger organizations reach out to landmarks to change the color and share photos of landmarks lit up.	2/19/2024 10:52 AM
162	It's beautiful.	2/19/2024 10:05 AM
163	At what point does lighting become pollution?	2/19/2024 9:54 AM
164	Neither!! Please no color lights on bridge	2/19/2024 9:34 AM
165	Don't change the colors on the bridge--too controversial. For example--rainbow bridges--no way! I do not celebrate LBGTQ. No, I'm not a homophobe, I just don't think this needs to be celebrated. Our veterans, yes. Police officers, yes.	2/19/2024 9:30 AM
166	Love the red white and blue theme. And keep it Smiple	2/19/2024 9:06 AM
167	Lighting the bridge would be a welcome change.	2/19/2024 8:42 AM
168	Neither option	2/19/2024 8:33 AM
169	Lights attract bugs, which create a mess on the lights and on the deck below. Potentially enough dead bugs will collect on the bridge deck to make it dirty, slippery and require frequent cleaning- adding to costs.	2/19/2024 8:28 AM
170	I like the red, white and blue lighting colors	2/19/2024 8:23 AM
171	Neither	2/19/2024 7:57 AM
172	Higher electric costs and a bigger carbon footprint is not something that the government should be endorsing. Apparently this is already planned but plans can always be changed prior to implantation.	2/19/2024 7:46 AM
173	stop spending money on things that are not necessary!	2/19/2024 7:12 AM
174	I am concerned with both lighting options that it significantly contributes to light pollution, which is already becoming a problem in the suburbs. Perhaps there could be an exploration of downward/dark sky friendly lighting which is still providing the needed lighting.	2/19/2024 6:42 AM
175	Please get feedback from the commercial traffic on the river, i.e. barge traffic, etc. Will it affect their ability to navigate the river in that area due to lighting. Will it be a distraction &/or cause a difficulty for them to navigate in that area? It's a nice idea, but the Mississippi is a working river & barges go through there every night during the season.	2/18/2024 10:06 AM
176	Would be nice to also see some lighting on the trail all the way to the end of the trail at River Road.	2/17/2024 9:53 PM
177	Dumbest idea I have ever heard. What a waist of taxpayer money which obviously means nothing to th igh parks and rec office. Shame on you Adam	2/17/2024 12:30 PM
178	I feel changing colors on the interior bridge may create a safety issue for people with vision problems or also those with challenges with external stimuli.	2/17/2024 5:25 AM
179	How does this attract the may flies. Will it keep them away?	2/16/2024 8:52 PM
180	I like all white or red, white and blue. Let's avoid multi-color as that looks like a carnival.	2/16/2024 4:07 PM
181	Avoid white lighting, especially with the proximity to the river and the mayfly hatch along with other insects. I think yellow lights can provide illumination without attracting insects and the problems and increased maintenance costs.	2/16/2024 2:55 PM
182	Would be beautiful! And something new! Great place for photos!	2/16/2024 10:10 AM
183	Option 1 because Minnesota can be depressing due to the fact it's always really cold out and nobody goes on walks anymore everything is by car so it would be nice to get some colors in. It would cheer people up! We need it.	2/16/2024 9:26 AM
184	This is a cool project. Thanks for putting all the work in and doing the research.	2/16/2024 7:14 AM
185	I think an option for people on the bridge and from a far is great. I know this is a much used	2/15/2024 10:12 PM

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	place and having it all lit up may bring even more people	
186	Would prefer no lighting. Nighttime lighting is harmful to wildlife and ecosystems. Especially since this is in wetland area, it will likely have a negative impact on the ecosystem. Reference: https://darksky.org/resources/what-is-light-pollution/effects/wildlife-ecosystems/	2/15/2024 9:16 PM
187	What kind of insects would be drawn to the lights, and what about the light pollution for wildlife and night sky viewing	2/15/2024 8:40 PM
188	Don't use color changing lights. Just light it with soft white and be done.	2/15/2024 7:43 PM
189	Neither!!! Not only are both of these super unattractive, light pollution negatively impacts wildlife and humans. The Mississippi River is a major flyway for migrating birds. There's a ton of science showing how harmful light pollution is to wildlife of many types.	2/15/2024 7:40 PM
190	How about adding an additional something special, like twinkling lights along the full interior of the bridge at a certain time each night or every hour on the hour during a certain time period when it's dark (depending on the season), similar to the Eiffel Tower in Paris.	2/15/2024 7:29 PM
191	Option one includes an experience for those on the bridge and afar. That helps everyone verses option 2 which only helps to view from afar	2/15/2024 7:25 PM
192	Calm, soothing blue lighting. Don't want the party feeling of multi colored lighting as displayed. Still want the feeling of the beautiful, mighty mysterious river and park.	2/15/2024 7:06 PM
193	I feel very strongly about how poorly I view Option 1. Looks confusing and I think , would make photography both more difficult and confusing.	2/15/2024 6:41 PM
194	Neither. Light pollution. Dont you have better things to spend our tax money on?? Wow.	2/15/2024 6:37 PM
195	It would be nice to have an experience for both - those directly and those from afar.	2/15/2024 6:22 PM