

# GITCHI-GAMI STATE TRAIL

*BUILDING CRITICAL CONNECTIONS ALONG MINNESOTA'S NORTH SHORE*



Photo credit: Gitchi-Gami Trail Association



**\$1.5 MILLION**



**DESIGN, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION  
(2 TRAIL PROJECTS)**



LOCAL PROJECT PARTNER  
**GITCHI-GAMI TRAIL ASSOCIATION**



MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
**MINNESOTA DNR**

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

Funding to improve accessibility and conditions at a trailhead and along seven miles of the Gitchi-Gami State Trail between Gooseberry Falls and Split Rock Lighthouse State Parks.

## **WHY THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT**

The Gitchi-Gami State Trail, when complete, will be an 89-mile paved trail providing a high-quality outdoor experience featuring stunning views of Lake Superior and the incredible natural and recreational resources of the North Shore. It will connect communities with public lands, offer transportation alternatives, Safe Routes to School for students, and connect eight state parks, many waysides, museums, historical sites, campgrounds, resorts, and more. The Gitchi-Gami corridor represents much of U.S. Bicycle Route 41 (North Star Route). Continuing to develop the trail will enhance safe transportation and touring opportunities for residents and visitors.

The funds requested here will build critical connections to tourism businesses and town centers, fill gaps to achieve trail continuity, and lay the groundwork for a more unified outdoor recreation system.

## **THIS PROJECT IS READY TO GO!**

The Minnesota DNR has been working closely with MnDOT and the City of Two Harbors on planning and coordinating these projects. Representatives Roger Skraba and Natalie Zeleznikar and Senator Grant Hauschild have authored bills (HF 4724/SF 4763) in support of these projects.

## **WHO SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT**



Rep. Roger Skraba



Rep. Natalie Zeleznikar



Sen. Grant Hauschild

- Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN)
- Cedar Coffee Co.
- Cedaero
- Do North Marketing/North Shore Explorer Guide
- North Shore Adventure Park
- Spokengear