



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: May 15, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Budget Committee

Subject: **Donation from the Friends of Loring Park**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize Public Works to accept a donation of \$20,000 from the Friends of Loring Park
- B. Passage of the accompanying resolution increasing the Public Works – Transportation Agency appropriation in the Permanent Improvement Projects Fund (1600-9010943) by \$20,000 and increase the revenue source (01600-9010943 – Source 322502) by \$20,000 for project G69015E14th15TH.

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Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Previous Directive:

- September 17, 2007 – Authorize acceptance of NTP award for Bicycle Operations project

Reviews Not Applicable

Financial Impact

- x Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- x Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Satisfies multi-modal transportation goals
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

In September of 2007, the City of Minneapolis received a grant award from the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP) for a collection of bicycle projects known as Bicycle Operations. The Bicycle Operations project took place on approximately 20 miles of streets, and improved striping, signing, and other operational factors for bicycling.

One of the projects contained within the Bicycle Operations project was adding bike lanes to the east-west streets of 15th Street W and Oak Grove Street on the south side of Loring Park. The project was not limited to these two streets however – it also included improvements to the southwest corner of Loring Park. The Minneapolis Public Works Department and our consultant SEH, Inc. worked with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, Citizens for a Loring Park Community, and the Friends of Loring Park to conceptualize and implement these improvements.

The improvements on park property included a rebuilding of the bicycle and pedestrian paths, as well as planting of trees, shrubs, and perennial forbs to eliminate dirt paths and add beauty to this gateway. See the attached before and after photographs. The Friends of Loring Park is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the 35-acre Loring Park. Richard Anderson, a member of the Friends of Loring Park and the primary liaison between this group and staff at the Minneapolis Public Works Department, was the chief advocate for a donation to pay for the planting materials on this project.

An attached letter from Lee Frelich, President of the Friends of Loring Park, formally gives \$20,000 to the City of Minneapolis for this project. Public Works recommends gracious acceptance of this donation.

Resolution

Amending The 2008 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the PW-Transportation Capitol Agency in the Permanent Improvement Projects Fund (01600-9010943) by \$20,000.