



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

Date: June 19, 2012

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

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Crossing surface installation agreement with Minnesota Commercial Rail Road on 33rd Ave. SE (Como Ave SE to E Hennepin Ave).**

Recommendation:

Approve that the proper City Officers be authorized and directed to execute this agreement for the crossing surface installation agreement with Minnesota Commercial Rail Road on 33rd Ave. SE. Payment for this work will be up to \$54,000.00 dollars (4100-9010937-CPV021PV) for the new crossings.

Previous Directives:

- January 14, 2011: Approval of the 33rd Ave SE and Talmage Ave SE reconstruction Project Layout.
- August 5, 2011: Authorize Public Works to negotiate to acquire easements and additional right of way if needed.
- August 5, 2011: Resolution 2011R-406, Transportation & Public Works Committee directed the City Engineer to proceed with a Variance Request for 33rd Ave SE to be reconstructed with less than minimum vertical curve lengths.
- October 21, 2011: Resolution 2011R-543, Resolution holds State of Minnesota harmless from the reconstruction of 33rd Ave SE to be reconstructed with less than minimum vertical curve lengths.
- December 9, 2011: Resolution 2011R-647 Project Designation for 33rd Ave SE.
- February 24, 2012: Passage of a resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed with work and adopt special assessments.

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Approved: _____
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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Group:	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Action is within the Budget. There are sufficient funds in 4100-9010937-CPV021PV to pay for this expense.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Public Hearing notices mailed on January 30, 2012.
Neighborhood Meetings: Pre-public hearing meeting scheduled on February 6, 2012.
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city.
Comprehensive Plan: NA
Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information:

On February 24, 2012 the City Council directed the City Engineer to proceed with the reconstruction of 33rd Ave SE. There are presently three active rail crossings on 33rd Ave SE which need upgraded crossing surfaces installed as a part of this street reconstruction project. The City of Minneapolis has the cost of the crossing surface included in the project budget and has an agreement with Minnesota Commercial Rail Road to install the new crossing surface. This agreement is between Minnesota Commercial Rail Road to pay for them to install these crossing surface upgrades.

Attachment 1 – Crossing surface installation agreement

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