



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Departments 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: **I-35W and Lake Street (CSAH 3) Transit Station and Access Improvement Project**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize the appropriate City Officers to enter into and execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County for cost participation in the design to a 30% level of a transit station and improved access at Lake Street (CSAH 3) and I-35W pending satisfactory review by the City Attorney's Office.

Previous Directives:

- January 29, 2010: Council action – Authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County for cost participation in the 30% design of a transit station and improved access at Lake Street and I-35W.
- December 7, 2007: Council action – Authorized to negotiate, execute and cost participate in developing a new proposal focused on developing a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street.
- December 7, 2007: Council Resolution 2007R-640 – Supporting the development of a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street as part of the I-35W access improvements and Lake Street Reconstruction.
- January 30th 2004: Resolution 2004R-039 – Approval of Concept Plans for the I-35W Lake Street Access Project in South Minneapolis.

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Reviews Not Applicable

Financial Impact

No financial impact and within existing City Financial Policies

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA
City Goals: Supports City Transportation Goals
Comprehensive Plan: Consistent
Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information:

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDot) and Metro Transit are currently engaged in developing the I-35W and Lake Street Transit Access Project to a 30% design. The project includes a transit station near Lake Street, a high quality connection between Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway, a south-bound exit ramp from I-35W to Lake Street, a north-bound entrance ramp from Lake Street to I-35W and a north-bound exit ramp from I-35W to 28th St. Minneapolis is currently sharing in the costs of this work through a Cooperative Agreement (C-27489) which describes that the City's share may not exceed \$420,000 without an amendment to the agreement. The work in this agreement includes the following:

1. Visual Quality Manual (VQM)
2. Transit Station Design
3. Freeway Design
4. Midtown Greenway Connection to Transit Station
5. Bridge Design
6. Environmental Assessment Document Update
7. Street Design Locations
8. Streetscape Design Locations
9. Public Involvement

Amendment No. 1 to the existing Cooperative Agreement is proposed in the amount of \$11,333.00 for the City's share of the cost of additional work to be performed by the project consultant. The additional funding to cover this amendment is proposed to come from the close-out of CTR018 Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements Project. The work includes:

1. Wind and Snow Analysis for the Transit Station
2. Architectural Acoustics and Noise Services for the Transit Station
3. Concept of Operations for the Transit Station
4. Additional Public Engagement regarding the Transit Station Design

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