



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

Date: September 25, 2012

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

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

Subject: **Approval of Official Publication No. 7676 – Bids for Chicago Avenue Overhead Traffic Signal Indication Project**

Recommendation:

- a. Increase the appropriation for the PW-Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (04100-901-0943 CTR1222SG108) by \$86,000 and increase the revenue budget (04100-901-0943-3210 CTR1222SG108) by \$86,000 to be reimbursed by federal funds.
- b. Acceptance of the low bid of Killmer Electrical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$455,975.00 to furnish all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete installation of overhead traffic signal indications on Chicago Avenue South.

Previous Directives:

- Resolution 2011R-660, 2012 Public Works Transportation Capital Improvement Fund TR022 (Traffic Safety Improvements)

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Reviews:

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

Financial Impact

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

___ Business Plan: X Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: A Safe Place To Call Home -- the City's infrastructure will be well-maintained, people will feel safe in the City.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Chicago Avenue South Project involves the installation of overhead traffic signal indications along Chicago Ave at 33rd St, 34th St, 35th St, 36th St, 38th St, 39th St, 42nd St, Minnehaha Pkwy, and 54th St E. The Traffic and Parking Services Division has concerns about right angle crashes at several of these intersections. To help reduce this type of crash, the Traffic and Parking Services Division applied for federal funding through the TEA-21 Hazard Elimination Safety Application to install overhead traffic signal indications.

In 2007, the project was awarded federal funding to install overhead traffic signal indications along Chicago Ave at the above intersections, with funding available in 2012. In the application the funding parameters were such that the federal funding would cover 90% of the project cost with the remaining 10% coming from City sources. The City identified Municipal State Aid (MSA) and Net Debt Bond (NDB) dollars as the local match. The local match is part of the City's capital funding program.

The initial estimated project cost in for the Chicago Ave project was \$408,000, of which \$324,000 was federal funding and \$84,000 was City funding. The City went out for bids for this project and received lowest bid of \$455,975, which is \$47,975 higher than the original approved estimate. Because of this difference, the Traffic and Parking Services Division is requesting an increase in the appropriation for the Permanent Improvement Fund (4100-901-0943 CTR1222SG108) by \$86,000, to be reimbursed by Federal Funding.

The Traffic and Parking Services Division is requesting approval to accept the low bid of Killmer Electrical Systems, Inc. to furnish all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete installation of overhead traffic signal indications on Chicago Avenue South. Tabulation of bids received on Official Publication No. 7676 for the installation of overhead traffic signal indications on Chicago Avenue South is attached.

Cc: Don Elwood, Public Works
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