



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

Date: February 26, 2013

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

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

Subject: **Cooperative Funding Agreement with Hennepin County for the Interchange Project**

Recommendation:

The proper City officers are authorized to negotiate and execute a cooperative funding agreement with Hennepin County to pay an amount not to exceed of \$500,000 from the capital appropriation in the Street Paving Department (04100–9010937–PV088) for infrastructure improvements needed for the Interchange Project. No additional appropriation is required.

Previous Directives:

- February 22, 2013: Resolution XXXXR-XXX Closing Capital Project/Program Funds within Fund 04100, Fund 06400, Fund 01300, Fund 01600, Fund 07500, and Fund 07300. Action included dedication of closeout funds to fund the Interchange Project agreement with Hennepin County
- May 12, 2012: Resolution 2012R-275 increasing the capital appropriation in the Street Paving Department (04100 – 9010937 – PV088) by \$500,000 for infrastructure improvements needed for the Interchange Project using fund balance currently available in the City's 04100 Permanent Improvement Fund.
- May 12, 2012: Direct Public Works and Finance staff to identify through the 2013 Budget Process a revenue source for the Interchange Project to restore the fund balance in the 04100 Permanent Improvement Fund.
- April 13, 2012 - The Public Works Department and Finance are directed to explore the options for funding up to \$1 million for public right-of-way infrastructure for the Interchange Capital Project and report back to the Transportation & Public Works and Ways & Means/Budget Committees in the next cycle with a recommendation for potential funding sources for cost sharing and to develop a cost sharing agreement.
- August 5, 2011 - Accept the invitation from the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority to become a formal cooperating agency on The Interchange project.

Comment [MPD1]: Include Resolution # as soon as it is known.

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Reviews: None

Financial Impact: None

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA

City Goals: The City's infrastructure will be well-maintained; people will feel safe in the City.

Comprehensive Plan: NA

Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information

Project Background

The Interchange in downtown Minneapolis will bring together transit and development, creating a civic space that will connect multiple transportation options, support a vibrant regional economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase mobility.

The Interchange is operational today with over 250 arrivals and departures managed daily as part of the Hiawatha LRT and the Northstar Commuter Rail lines. This will increase to 500 daily rail trips when Central Corridor LRT opens in 2014. In addition, more than 1,900 bus operations occur within walking distance of The Interchange and the recent extension of the Cedar Lake Bike Trail adds access for over 2,000 bike riders per day. The future Southwest Corridor LRT and Bottineau Transit Corridor lines will provide additional transit service and are anticipated to bring thousands of additional daily passengers to The Interchange. The Interchange will also accommodate potential future intercity passenger rail service, including the Northern Lights Express from Duluth and high-speed rail from Chicago via St. Paul.

The Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) is leading efforts to advance design and development of The Interchange, provide facilities and services to support existing transit users, prepare for future transit growth, and create opportunities for private development. In addition, The Interchange project will provide public infrastructure improvements in the form of realignment of the intersection of 6th Ave with 5th St. N.

The initial phases of design have been completed and construction at The Interchange has begun with site preparations, demolition, roadway realignment, utility work and the start of footing and foundation construction. Final detailed design work will continue through the winter, with full construction work beginning in spring of 2013.

Recommended Action

Per the terms of Resolution 2012R-275, the City increased the capital appropriation in the Street Paving Department (04100 – 9010937 – PV088) by \$500,000 for the Interchange Project. Therefore, Public Works recommends that the proper City officers are authorized to negotiate and execute a cooperative funding agreement with Hennepin County to pay an amount not to exceed of \$500,000 from the capital appropriation in the Street Paving Department (04100–9010937–PV088) for infrastructure improvements needed for the Interchange Project.

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