



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

Date: April 30, 2013

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

Subject: **Funding Applications to MNDOT through the CIMS (Corridor Investment Management Strategies) and TED (Transportation for Economic Development) Programs.**

Recommendation:

Authorize staff to submit a funding application to MNDOT through the CIMS and/or TED Programs for construction of a new 7th Street Exit Ramp from westbound I-94.

Previous Directives:

- None

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____

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Presenters in Committee: Steven Hay

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

- City Goals: Supports City Transportation Goals

Supporting Information

Background

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is currently soliciting proposals through two competitive programs - CIMS (Corridor Investment Management Strategies) and TED (Transportation for Economic Development). The City intends to submit a proposal to one or both of these programs.

CIMS – Corridor Investment Management Strategy

The CIMS Program represents an initial Pilot Solicitation by MNDOT. The Program is seeking projects that advance the Minnesota GO objectives of Quality of Life, Economic Competitiveness, and Environmental Health. The maximum award through this program is \$10 Million and requires a 10% local match. Projects must be on the State Trunk Highway system (includes Interstates) and must be let for construction by January, 2015.

TED – Transportation for Economic Development

This will be the third year that MNDOT has solicited for projects through the TED Program. Hennepin County submitted a successful TED proposal, supported by the City, for construction of the 4th Avenue Ramp to northbound I-35W. The maximum award through this program is \$7 Million and requires a 30% local match. Projects can be located on any road, involving any mode of travel. Projects must be let by January, 2015.

Proposed Project

7th Street Ramp from Westbound I-94

The City intends to submit a proposal for construction of a new exit ramp from westbound I-94 into downtown. This 7th Street Ramp would replace the existing 5th Street Ramp, which would be re-purposed as a local connection between downtown and the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.