



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

Date: June 18, 2013

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

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

Subject: **Cooperative Funding Agreement with Hennepin County for
Martin Olav Sabo Bridge**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City officers to negotiate and execute a cooperative funding agreement with Hennepin County for the remaining work associated with the assessment and repair of the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge.

Previous Directives:

- August 31, 2012 Authorization to amend the cooperative funding agreement with Hennepin County for expenses and reimbursement related to the repair of the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge.
- April 3, 2012: Authorization to execute a cooperative funding agreement with Hennepin County to pay up to \$150,000 from the general fund for engineering services to be provided by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates.

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Heidi Hamilton, Jack Yuzna

Reviews NA

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification

- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

On February 19, 2012, a plate connecting one of nine pairs of suspension cables that support the deck of the Sabo Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge broke and fell to the ground. A plate connecting a second pair of cables was found to be severely compromised, which resulted in the closure of both Trunk Highway 55 and Hiawatha Light Rail Transit service. Since the occurrence the City and Hennepin County worked cooperatively to assess, repair and reopen the bridge.

Though the bridge is reopened, there are outstanding tasks that need to be completed. Those tasks include: retrofitting of the pylon screens and their reinstallation; redesign and reinstallation of the pylon accent lighting; preparation and repainting of the pylon; repair of the damaged deck lighting; repairs to the railings and; the completion of a vibration study and any stay-cable dampening that may be found to be prudent.

The City and County recognize that equally sharing the cost of the work associated with the stabilization, assessment, and repair of the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge is in their best interest and the public. Based on the expenses to date, the County has agreed to reimburse the City for the costs of the work of this Agreement up to \$500,000.

Therefore, Public Works recommends that the proper City officers be authorized to negotiate and execute a cooperative funding agreement with Hennepin County for the remaining work associated with the assessment and repair of the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge

cc: Don Elwood, Public Works
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