



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

Date: July 9, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Safe Routes Infrastructure Grant Award - Lucy Laney School**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize City officials to accept a Safe Routes to School federal grant for \$296,610
- B. Authorize City officials to enter into an agreement with MNDOT for this grant
- C. Passage of the accompanying resolution increasing the Public Works – Grants - Federal Fund (01300-9010943-G39LUCYLANEY) by \$296,610 and increase the revenue source (01300-9010943-G39LUCYLANEY – Source 321012) by \$296,610
- D. Passage of the accompanying resolution requesting MNDOT be our agent to accept the federal grant

Previous Directives:

- February 8, 2013 – Authorized submittal of four Safe Routes to School grant applications to MNDOT for consideration

Department Information:

Prepared by: Forrest Hardy, Graduate Student Intern, Safe Routes

Approved by: _____

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

Presenters in Committee: Forrest Hardy, Graduate Student Intern, Safe Routes
Shaun Murphy, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: Mauri Melander, Principal of Lucy Laney School
Cleveland Neighborhood Association
- City Goals: Satisfies health and transportation sustainability indicators
- Comprehensive Plan: Satisfies multi-modal transportation goals
- Zoning Code: N/A

Supporting Information

In October 2012, MNDOT released a solicitation for grant applications for Safe Routes to School Infrastructure. On February 15, 2013 Public Works submitted grant applications for four schools.

On May 2, 2013 MNDOT announced the recipients of this federal grant. The recipients included one of the four projects submitted by the City for improvements at Lucy Craft Laney School. The proposed improvements include:

- A decorative traffic calming median along the block of Penn Ave adjacent to the school. (similar to the Public Works project adjacent to Bancroft school on 38th Street in south Minneapolis)
- An overhead pedestrian flasher at Lowry and Newton to aid the walking school bus program (a similar flasher is in place on Penn & 33rd at Lucy Laney and at various other schools in the city)
- ADA compliant curb ramps at 34th and Queen where none are currently present
- A secure bike storage facility on school grounds

The principal at Lucy Laney School and the Cleveland Neighborhood association were informed of the award. A more in-depth community meeting will take place prior to development of construction plans. The cost of the project is expected to be fully funded by this grant. Construction is expected to be completed in 2014.

Attachment: Resolution for Agency Agreement, Amending the Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution

Resolution by Colvin Roy

Accepting Safe Routes to School Funding and Authorizing Proper City Officials to Execute Cooperative Agreements with MNDOT

Whereas MNDOT announced a solicitation for Safe Routes to School infrastructure project funding in October 2012; and,

Whereas City Council provided project input and authorized the Department of Public Works to submit four Safe Routes to School project applications to MNDOT in February 2013; and,

Whereas MNDOT notified Public Works of awards from federal aid funds for Safe Routes infrastructure improvements at Lucy Laney School in May 2013,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis hereby accepts MNDOT Safe Routes to School Program infrastructure funds as specified by Cooperative Agreement No. 03973 totaling \$296,610.00.

Be it resolved that the proper City officers are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Minneapolis, to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation for the project described as Safe Routes Infrastructure at Lucy Laney School (03973).

Be it further resolved that the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the PW-Grants - Federal Fund (01300-9010943-G39LUCYLANEY) by \$296,610 and increasing the revenue source (01300-9010943-G39LUCYLANEY - Source 321012) by \$296,610.