



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

Date: August 6, 2013

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

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

Subject: **Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield to Continue Work on Northside Greenway Planning**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City officials to:

1. Execute a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield to accept up to \$405,000 over three years for the Minneapolis Northside Greenway planning and community engagement project, at \$135,000 per year with the second and third years contingent upon funding and performance, and,
2. Increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01600-6000100 (revenue code 372001) and the 2013 appropriation in fund/department 01600-6000100 by \$67,500.

Previous Directives:

- April 30, 2013 – List most recent relevant action first

Department Information:

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Presenters in Committee: Bob Carlson, P.E., Principal Professional Engineer

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget

Dept Name: _____
Fund Name: _____
Project Name & Number (if capital budget): _____ - _____
Amount: \$ _____

- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Dept Name: _____
Fund Name: _____
Project Name & Number (if capital budget): _____ - _____
Amount: \$ 405,000 _____

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

Blue Cross Blue Shield has awarded the City funding to further develop plans to create a north Minneapolis greenway. Blue Cross Blue Shield has also awarded funds to the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability ("the Alliance") to facilitate community engagement related to the greenway.

Public Works will work closely with the Health Department and the Alliance to develop work plans to address issues identified in the first phase of the study and achieve meaningful community engagement with a broader audience than was reached in the first phase of project planning.

The award to the City is for up to \$135,000/year for three years (or a total of \$405,000 July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016), which will fund staff time in Public Works and Health and a planning/engineering consultant. An award of \$15,000/year will be provided to the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, which will serve as a neutral party in helping to coordinate and facilitate the community engagement efforts.