



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

Date: April 15, 2014
To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Bluff Street Trail – Mn/DOT Agency Agreement No. 05751**

Recommendation:

Pass a Resolution authorizing the proper City officers to execute an inter-agency agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) for Federal Participation in Construction Engineering for the Bluff Street Trail Project. Agency Agreement No. 05751

Previous Directives:

- December 6, 2013 Council Action to authorize the proper City officers to enter and execute a Construction Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County to accept County's cost participation for the Bluff Street Trail project (CBIK025) in the amount of \$300,000.
 - Authorize the proper City officers to accept federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP) grant to be used for the Bluff Street Trail project (CBIK025) in the amount of \$859,000 and execute the necessary agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation for this federal grant.
 - Request authorization to adjust capital appropriation and revenue budgets:

Increase the Federal Grant appropriation and revenue budget (321012) by \$859,000 in 04100-9010943-CBIK025

Increase the Hennepin Co Grant appropriation and revenue budget (322002) by \$300,000 in 04100-9010943-CBIK025

Decrease the State Grant appropriation and revenue budget (321510) by \$1,200,000 in 04100-9010943-CBIK025

Decrease the Net Debt Bond appropriation and revenue budget by \$715,000 in 04100-9010943-CBIK025

Increase the Net Debt Bond appropriation and revenue budget (384601) by \$35,000 in 04100-9010937-CPV059; \$315,000 in 04100-9010937-CPV061; 220,000 in 04100-9010937-CBIK025 and \$145,000 in 04100-9010937-CPV091

to accomplish three bicycle and pedestrian projects as follows:

- Gateway Park/2nd Street bicycle connection from Hennepin to 2nd Avenues South and restripe 2nd Street North from 1st to 3rd Avenues North at \$220,000.
 - Hennepin Avenue on-street bicycle lanes extended from 11th Street to Lyndale Avenue at \$350,000.
 - Osseo/44th/Penn Avenue North pedestrian and bicycle related intersection area improvements at \$145,000.
- June 28, 2013 Council Action to authorize agreement with MPRB to operate and maintain trail on their property; Authorize agreement with Mn/DOT maintain trail on Mn/DOT right-of-way.
 - August 17, 2012 Council Action to authorize a Limited Use Permit with Mn/DOT to operate and maintain the portion of the Bluff Street Trail within the right-of-way of the I-35W over the Mississippi River Bridge.
 - December 14, 2011 Council Action 2011R-660 Five Year Capital Program.
 - February 15, 2008 Council Action to Authorize the proper city officers to negotiate and enter into a cost participation agreement with Mn/DOT regarding the I-35W Bridge Reconstruction Project to allow for an access tunnel under the freeway.

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Presenters in Committee: Meseret Wolana

Financial Impact

No Financial Impact.

Community Impact

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Supporting Information

Background

This Bluff Street Trail project is part of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian connection to downtown through University of Minnesota West and East Banks, Dinkytown, and continues easterly to the University Saint Paul Campus.

Specifically, the Bluff Street Trail project will provide an off-road trail from Bridge #9 through the MPRB Bluff Street Park, extending under I-35W through the box culvert, and adding on-street bicycle lanes to 13th Avenue S where it then connects to the existing on-street bicycle lanes at 2nd Street S.

In 2013 Public Works sought and accepted federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP) grant to be used for the Bluff Street Trail project in the amount of \$859,000. The Grant award was subsequently reduced to \$830,000 and project is fully funded within existing appropriation.

Construction Engineering is eligible for the expenditure of federal aid funds, and

Public Works is seeking Council approval to execute this agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) to be reimbursed for construction engineering and related services.

Funding Sources:

\$ 830,000 Federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot (NTP) grant
\$ 300,000 Hennepin County
\$ 1,185,000 Net Debt Bond (NDB) Bluff St
\$ 220,000 Net Debt Bond (NDB) Gateway
\$ 2,535,000 TOTAL

The Bluff Street Trail project is scheduled to begin in May 2014 and anticipated to be completed summer 2014.

Attachment: Map

cc: CM Cam Gordon, Ward 2

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T&PW Your Committee recommends passage of a resolution authorizing the proper City officers to execute inter-agency agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) for Federal Participation in Construction Engineering for the Bluff Street Trail Project. Agency Agreement No. 05751