



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

Date: March 24, 2015

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Funding for Bike Week Events

Recommendation:

Authorize up to \$15,000 in funding for the 2015 Bike Week by reallocating from the Public Works Traffic program budget (0100-6850520).

Previous Directives:

December 10, 2014 – City Council adoption of the 2015 budget.

October 30, 2014 - Public Works presentation of the 2015 Mayor's Recommended Budget, page 28 Enhancement – Transportation System Safety Improvements (\$350,000).

July 8, 2014 – Receive and file of 2014 Bike Week report and presentation.

June 22, 2011 - City Council adopted Bicycle Master Plan.

October 16, 2009 - City Council adopted Pedestrian Master Plan.

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Jon Wertjes, P.E., Director of Traffic & Parking Services

Financial Impact

Funding is within the approved 2015 budget for the Public Works – Traffic Program (0100-6850520) Transportation System Safety Improvements (\$350,000) program. This request would change how these funds would be spent in 2015.

Community Impact

City Goal

Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.

Supporting Information

The City's Bicycle Master Plan presents goals, ideas and methods for non-motorized education and encouragement that improve and continue to create a culture for bicycling.

Bike Week Events

In 2014 Public Works used the Bike/Walk Ambassador federal non-motorized transportation program (NTP) funding to reconsider, redefine and reconfigure the bike week efforts (see the above Previous Directives). The successful 2014 bike week has resulted in Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition to propose a scaled back event list for 2015 bike week with support by the City of Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). This proposal attached requests city funding at \$25,000 along with some limited staff time to manage contracting and assisting with permits. The Bicycle Coalition proposes to obtain \$14,000 in other sponsors and contributions. In addition, the Bicycle Coalition will be identifying and then reporting their volunteer efforts that will support the events.

After further discussions, the Bicycle Coalition has agreed to reduce their request from \$25,000 to \$15,000.

Public Works Recommendation

Public Works has reviewed the proposals and their parameters. Rather than requesting a budget increase, Public Works would recommend reallocating the intended use of the 2015 budget for bicycling and walking improvements. The 2015 approved budget includes \$350,000 in funding for enhanced Transportation System Safety Improvements (see the above Previous Directives). The funds were intended to be used for durable pavement markings, pedestrian crossing safety medians, painted/detached curb extensions and safe routes programs.

The above request totals \$15,000 for the 2015 bike week event. If authorized, Public Works would recommend less spending on durable pavement markings from \$225,000 to \$210,000.

Public Works staff anticipates returning to committee for approval of Pedestrian Week events in Fall 2015.

Attachments: Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition letter dated December 24, 2014.

cc: Bicycle Advisory Committee, Pedestrian Advisory Committee
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