



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

Date: May 19, 2015

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

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

Subject: **35W Transit Access Project TIGER Grant Application**

Recommendation:

Authorize proper city officials to submit an application for a TIGER 2015 grant to implement the 35W Transit Access Project.

Previous Directives:

November 14, 2014 – Council action – Authorized application submittal for federal transportation funds through the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation Program for High Quality Connection between Orange Line Transit Station at Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities.

September 25, 2012 – Council Resolution 2012R-495 – Supporting the project elements of the 35W Transit Access Project in cooperation with Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Council.

January 29, 2010 - Council action – Authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County for cost participation in the 30% design of a transit station and improved access at Lake Street and I-35W.

December 7, 2007 - Council action – Authorized to negotiate, execute and cost participate in developing a new proposal focused on developing a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street.

December 7, 2007 - Council Resolution 2007R-640 – Supporting the development of a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street as part of the I-35W access improvements and Lake Street Reconstruction.

January 30th 2004 - Resolution 2004R-039 – Approval of Concept Plans for the I-35W Lake Street Access Project in South Minneapolis.

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval N/A
Civil Rights Approval	Approval N/A
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval N/A

Financial Impact

Action is within the approved budget.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Meetings: Several meetings have been held in the community since 2009.
Living Well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life.
Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.
A City that Works: City government runs well and connects to the community it serves.

Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Metro Transit are currently engaged in developing the 35W Transit Access Project. The project includes a transit station near Lake Street, a high quality connection between Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway, a south-bound exit ramp from I-35W to Lake Street, a north-bound and a north-bound exit ramp from I-35W to 28th St. Minneapolis is currently sharing in the costs of this work through a Cooperative Agreement.

On April 2, 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced the availability of \$500 million for infrastructure investment through the TIGER 2015 program. Pre-applications were due on May 4, 2015 and final applications on June 5, 2015. Staff is seeking City Council authorization to submit a TIGER 2015 grant application to implement the 35W Transit Access Project. The application will be a joint application between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County. If secured, the grant funding will be equally applied to the costs for local project elements.

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