



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

Date: August 17, 2010

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

Subject: RiverLake Greenway

Recommendation:

- a) Authorize proper city officials to negotiate and execute an agreement with the low bidder to accomplish the project contingent on MnDOT EEO and city attorney review and approval; and
- b) Authorize proper city officials to negotiate and execute an agreement with MnDOT to be reimbursed for design expenses in the amount of \$250,000; and
- c) Authorize proper city officials to negotiate and execute agreements with MnDOT to be reimbursed for approved construction engineering expenses in the total amount of \$150,000; and
- d) Authorize proper city officials to execute an agreement with SEH, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and extending the expiration date of the consulting pool contract for this scope only from February 14, 2011 to December 31, 2011, to provide construction engineering services.

Previous Directives:

- April 3, 2007; Council Action authorizing the proper City Officers to submit pedestrian and bicycle projects to the Transit for Livable Communities for the first round of Non-motorized Transit Pilot Program funding.
- October 5, 2007; Resolution 2007R-512, Appoint Commissioner of Transportation as agent of the City of Minneapolis and enter into an agreement to accept grants for the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program.
- December 12, 2007; Resolution 2007R-645, Project was adopted into the 2008-2012 Capital Program.
- December 12, 2007; Resolution 2007R-648, Request that the Board of Estimate and Taxation incur indebtedness, issue and sell bonds.
- December 8, 2009; Resolution 2009R-616, Layout Approval for the RiverLake Greenway (Phase 3) project from I-35W to West River Parkway

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Reviews:

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan:	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Action is within current department budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: All 4 project area neighborhoods have been notified

City Goals: Integrated, multi-modal transportation choices border to border

Comprehensive Plan: Meets comprehensive plan goals and is consistent with Bike Master Plan

Zoning Code: NA

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to allow Public Works to negotiate and execute an agreement with the low bidder, which will allow for construction to commence. This agreement is contingent on MnDOT EEO review. This action will also allow Public Works to execute agreements with MnDOT to be reimbursed for design and engineering fees through the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program, and to execute an agreement with a consultant to assist with construction engineering. Since the consulting pool ends in February 2011, this action allows for the consulting contract to be extended to December 31, 2011.

Project Information/Coordination

The RiverLake Greenway is a community driven bikeway/walkway project that will connect the City's Chain of Lakes to the Mississippi River. Phase 3 of the RiverLake Greenway is located midway between the Midtown Greenway and Minnehaha Parkway Trails and runs between I-35W to West River Parkway. It passes through the Bryant, Bancroft, Standish-Ericsson, and Longfellow Neighborhoods. Phase I (from Lyndale Avenue S to I-35W) was completed in 2002. Phase II (from Lake Harriet to Lyndale Avenue S) was completed in 2003. Phase IV is a Pedestrian/Bikeway Bridge that will span I-35W and complete the connection of Phase II & Phase III.

The project development process has been a collaborative effort with the Bryant, Bancroft, Standish Ericsson, and Longfellow Neighborhoods with involvement from both the Ward 8 and Ward 12 Council Offices. In addition to the four neighborhoods, Hennepin County, MnDOT, Metro Transit, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), and Transit for Livable Communities have been working with the city to complete the project.

Funding

In 2006 the City of Minneapolis sought and received \$1,000,000 in federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds; and in 2007, the City of Minneapolis sought and received \$400,000 dollars in federal aid funds from the Non-motorized Transit Pilot (NTP) program for RiverLake Greenway project. \$630,000 in net debt bonds has been secured for this project. The project as presented is currently within budget.

Schedule

This project is scheduled for construction to start in mid-September 2010 with substantial completion by November 15, 2010 however it is anticipated that certain tasks such as landscaping will roll over into the 2011 construction season.

Cc: Council Member Glidden, Ward 8
Council Member Colvin Roy, Ward 12