



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

**Date:** November 6, 2007

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

**Referral to:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **I-35W and Lake Street Design and Access Improvements Cost Participation Agreement.**

### Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City Officials to negotiate, execute, and cost participate in an agreement with Hennepin County to develop a new proposal focused on developing a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street. This will include developing Street designs, Streetscape designs, Bridge designs, Visual Quality Manuals and facilitating community involvement for the I35W access improvements and Lake Street reconstruction.

### Previous Directives:

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

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### Approved by:

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Lisa Cerney, P.E., Principle Professional Engineer

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u>  X  </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u>  X  </u>

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan:   X   Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

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

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

## Background/Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) have partnered to develop a series of technical memoranda and layout concept for the I-35W/Lake Street Access Project. The concept layout has been endorsed by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and the Minneapolis City Council.

This project takes the endorsed technical memoranda and layout concept and completes significant portions for use in the reconstruction of Lake street, adjacent I35-W corridor streets and provides details necessary for incorporation in the eventual reconstruction of the I35-W including access improvements and BRT. All of the work in this agreement will be limited to the area specified in the "Resolution on 35W" that will be considered by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on November 6, 2007.

### 1. Street Design Locations

The street design activity will result in the preparation of plans, specifications, and an estimate of the cost for the construction of the following local streets in compliance with State Aid Standards:

- a. Nicollet Avenue – 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 28<sup>th</sup> Street (incorporate detail streetscape design from activity number two below)
- b. Lake Street – Blaisdell Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (incorporate detail streetscape design from activity number two above)

### 2. Streetscape Design Locations

The streetscape design activity will be focused on the local street system adjacent to the I-35W Corridor and consist of preliminary design to the 30% level in compliance with State Aid Standards. The following streets (including the Midtown Greenway) are included in the streetscape design activity:

- a. 31st Street - Stevens Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- b. Lake Street – Blaisdell Avenue to 5th Avenue
- c. 28th Street – Stevens Avenue to Clinton Avenue
- d. Stevens Avenue – 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 29th Street
- e. 2nd Avenue – 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Lake Street
- f. Nicollet Avenue – 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 28th Street
- g. 1st Avenue – 31st Street to 28th Street
- h. Greenway – vicinity of I-35W

### 3. Bridge Design Locations

- a. Concept level structural and architectural design to approximately 30% including the development of aesthetic treatments.
  - Lake Street – Existing Bridge No. 9733 (including concept of transit connection between I-35W above, and Lake Street below)

### 4. Visual Quality Manual (VQM)

It is the goal of this project to develop a manual for visual quality guidance that provides corridor continuity while enhancing the multimodal and diverse environments, including a transportation corridor adjacent to a historic community. Visual criteria and parameters will

be established to evaluate impacts and opportunities within the project area for the desired improvements and to assess financial feasibility along with funding needs and responsibilities. The VQM will be utilized and incorporated in all project activities.

5. Public Involvement

Each of the listed activities (1 through 4 above) will involve public interaction. This activity will include the organization of a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in addition to interaction with each of the affected Minneapolis neighborhoods and business associations. Public involvement activities include:

- a. PAC meetings of approximately 30 representatives of neighborhoods and business interests. Meetings are projected to occur monthly over the term of the engagement, expected to last approximately three years.
- b. TAC meetings are projected to occur every three weeks (18 annually) over the term of the engagement.
- c. Public Open Houses are to occur at approximately six month intervals (up to 4 required).
- d. Graphics development.
- e. Meeting minutes for each meeting.

6. Environmental Assessment Document Update

The existing technical memorandum will need updating to reflect the streetscape and street design on local street outside the immediate I-35W footprint.

**Public Works/Finance Recommendations:**

Funding has been recommended by the Mayor in his 2008 Net Debt Bond / Revenue Bond Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolutions and as a part of the 2008-2012 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. The funds for this project are intended to be spent in 2008, 2009, 2010. Upon completion of a cost share agreement, Public works and Finance will return with a project funding recommendation consistent with the projects intentions.

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