



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

**Date:** September 28, 2010

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

**Subject:** **Set public hearing for proposed special assessment for streetlights along the Central Corridor project area on Washington Avenue between Oak Street and Huron. Project 600D2279.**

**Recommendation:**

Set a public hearing date of November 30, 2010 for consideration of proposed special assessment for policy-compliant pedestrian and roadway streetlights on Washington Avenue between Oak and Huron.

**Previous Directives:**

January 9, 2009- Council adopted the Minneapolis Streetlight Policy.

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Bill Prince, Professional Engineer, Traffic & Parking Services

**Reviews:** Not Applicable

**Financial Impact**

Action is within current department budget

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: **Neighborhood meetings held August 12 before petition mailing and August 24 after petition mailing.**

City Goals: **Improve area street lighting in conformance with policy,**

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

The two blocks of Washington Avenue between Oak and Huron are one of the areas along the Central Corridor project in Minneapolis where street lighting costs were not covered by the University of Minnesota or Metropolitan Council. From Oak westerly to the river, the street lighting is being paid for by the University of Minnesota.

The proposed special assessment is estimated at \$220,020 and would cover costs for installing street lighting in this area as part of the Central Corridor light rail project. All costs are

assessable in this segment as there is no pre-existing city maintained street lighting, with only the wood pole system currently present.

The Minneapolis Streetlight Policy states that along major road or transit construction project areas, property owners in that area will be notified of the project and pending assessment and be given the opportunity to opt out of the project with 70% declared and recorded response. As of the response deadline date of August 27, 2010, only 10% of the property owners by assessable area have opted out. The opt out petition to prevent this project therefore failed. It is requested that a public hearing be set for November 30, 2010 to follow the required next step in the process.