



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

Date: January 13, 2009

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

Subject: **Structural Engineering and Testing Services of City Owned and/or Maintained Parking Ramps and Skyways**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City officials to negotiate and execute a Structural Engineering and Testing Services Agreement with Walker Restoration Consultants for the Structural Inspection, Testing and Certification of City owned and/or maintained Parking Ramps and Skyways in an amount of \$70,000 per year, with an option of \$15,000 for additional consulting services for a total amount not to exceed \$85,000, and with the option to extend the agreement annually until 2013 (Fund 06200 Department 6800440).

Previous Directives:

July 25, 2008 - Authorize the proper City officials to obtain proposals for Structural Engineering and Testing Services of City Owned and/or Maintained Parking Ramps and Skyways.

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Paul Miller, Sr. Project Manager of Property Services

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval <u>X</u>	Date <u>5/22/08</u>
Civil Rights Approval	Approval <u>X</u>	Date <u>1/2/2009</u>
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval <u>NA</u>	Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: The city's infrastructure will be well-maintained to ensure a healthy, vital and safe City.

Comprehensive Plan: NA

Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis currently operates and maintains a system of eighteen parking ramps. Of these, fourteen (14) ramps are owned by the City, three (3) are owned by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), and one (1) is owned by Opus Development Corporation. The City of Minneapolis also owns and operates thirteen (13) skyway bridge links.

Certification of parking ramps is required by the Minneapolis Department of Inspections in accordance with the City Parking Ordinance requirements for all ramps greater than five years old operating in the City of Minneapolis (87-Or-176 of Title 5, Chapter 108 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances). The certification process requires inspection by a qualified structural engineer, for which the City has traditionally utilized third party consulting services to meet the requirements of the ordinance. The current contract for these services began in 2003 and expired on December 31, 2008.

On July 25, 2008 the City Council authorized Public Works officials to obtain proposals for Structural Engineering and Testing Services of City Owned and/or Maintained Parking Ramps and Skyways. Proposals from six (6) Engineering firms were received on December 11, 2008. Representatives from Public Works Parking and Property Services reviewed and evaluated all proposals and a "short list" of three (3) firms was selected for formal presentation/interviews on December 15, 2008. An evaluation team made up of representatives of Public Works Parking and Property Services conducted formal presentation/interviews on December 30th, 2008. Based upon the results of the formal presentation/interviews, the evaluation team selected the engineering firm of Walker Restoration Consultants to provide the requested services.

The Scope of Services to be provided includes structural inspection, testing, condition appraisal, and documentation using certified engineers to meet the certification requirements of this City Ordinance and Mn/DOT. The Scope of Services will also include inspections of the 13 skyway links and includes provisions to provide detailed information to City and Mn/DOT staff to establish and implement yearly preventive and corrective maintenance programs.

Therefore, we are requesting authorization to negotiate and execute a Structural Engineering and Testing Services Agreement with Walker Restoration Consultants for the Structural Inspection, Testing, and Certification of City owned and/or maintained Parking Ramps and Skyways, in an amount of \$70,000 per year, with an option of \$15,000 for additional consulting services for a total amount not to exceed \$85,000, and with the option to extend the agreement annually until 2013 (Fund 06200 Department 6800440). The cost of these services has been accounted for within the departmental budget, and therefore no additional appropriation is required.