



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: January 19, 2011

To: PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: CONTRACT WITH MOD & COMPANY FOR A BICYCLE/
PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED LOCAL LEVEL CAMPAIGN IN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS

Recommendation: Council authorization for the proper City officials to contract with Mod & Company for a bicycle/ pedestrian-focused campaign in North Minneapolis, for the period ending March 18, 2012, for \$150,000 from 01300-8600130.

Previous Directives: None
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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval Not Applicable _____
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable

Presenters in Committee: Kristen Klingler, Project Coordinator, Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW)

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

On December 1, 2010 the Public Safety and Health Committee approved a contract in the amount of \$200,000 that was subsequently referred back to committee by Ways & Means. Following discussions on the project, the department is requesting approval of a reduced contract with Mod & Company.

The contract will assist with the development, implementation, and evaluation of a bicycle/pedestrian-focused local level campaign in North Minneapolis. The goal of the campaign will be to help increase residents' awareness of the biking and walking resources available in their community, including the future Bike Walk Center, the Nice Ride bike share expansion, bike and pedestrian way finding signs to common destinations, and infrastructure projects like bike lanes and bike boulevards that are either being planned or have been implemented. By increasing awareness of these resources, we aim to encourage North Minneapolis residents to bike and walk more often for transportation and recreation.

To carry out the campaign, MDHFS would combine its funding with additional funding from Transit for Livable Communities (TLC), a Minnesota non-profit organization, to retain the services of Mod & Company. Mod & Company was selected by TLC through a formal competitive bidding process. TLC has partnered with numerous City of Minneapolis Departments (including Public Works, CPED, and MDHFS) to plan and implement bicycle and pedestrian related projects.

Attached is the response to the staff directive from the Committee meeting on December 1, 2010.