



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Finance Department**

Date: October 20, 2003

To: Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: Ways and Means Committee & Board of Estimate & Taxation

Subject: Mayor's recommendation to amend the Public Safety Initiative Program

Recommendation: The Mayor is recommending the following actions be taken with regard to the Security Enhancement portion of the Public Safety Initiative Program:

1. Reallocation of the unspent and uncommitted appropriation of \$3.19 million for Security Enhancements (one of seven projects in the Public Safety Initiative) to the new Fire Station #14 (\$2.125 million) and to the City Attorney's Case Management System (\$1.065 million).

Summary of funds recommended for reallocation:

Adopted 2003 Capital Program for Security Enhancements	\$4,260,000
<u>Less amounts expended or committed</u>	<u>\$1,070,000</u>
Amount recommended for reallocation	\$3,190,000

Recommended reallocation:

Fire Station #14 (increases appropriation to the full \$4,270,000 requested)	\$2,125,000
<u>Case Management System (funds a portion of the \$3.3 M system)*</u>	<u>\$1,065,000</u>
Total amount reallocated	\$3,190,000

* Balance to be provided by Information Technology Capital Program

2. Amending the 2003 Capital Appropriation Resolution (2002R-476) by approving the following appropriation and project accounting adjustments:

Decrease Security Enhancements (4100-923-9242-8015-PSI07)	(\$3,190,000)
Increase Fire Station #14 (4100-923-9242-8015-PSI05)	\$2,125,000
Increase Case Management System (6400-972-9725-8015-M03SP)	\$1,065,000

3. Amending the 2003 bonding resolution (2002R-480) related to the Public Safety Initiative Program by substituting the previously approved bonding authorizations as follows and requesting the Board of Estimate & Taxation to concur in this substitution.

PSI07 Security Enhancements	(\$3,190,000)
PSI05 New Fire Station #14	\$2,125,000
M03SP Case Management System	\$1,065,000

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Approved by: Mayor R.T. Rybak _____

Presenters in Committee: Tammy Omdal, Budget Director; Steve Kotke, Director Property Services; Karl Kaiser, Chief Information Officer

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

Other financial impact (Explain): Action requires concurrence of the Board of Estimate & Taxation for substitution of prior bonding authorizations.

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Not applicable

Background/Supporting Information Attached:

Summary of the Public Safety Initiative – Capital Program

The Public Safety Initiative (PSI) is a term the City has used to describe a grouping of \$32.6 million of capital projects that was approved as part of the 2000 budget. Since 2000, the program has been amended as project needs changed and final project cost estimates were finalized. The current capital projects approved as part of the PSI are as follows:

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Total Program Dollars (as approved)*</u>
800 MHz Radio System	\$12,311,000
Expanded 3 rd Police Precinct	\$7,500,000
Remodeled Fire Station #6	\$3,510,000
Downtown Command Precinct Station	\$2,734,000
New Fire Station #14 – Land Acquisition	\$2,145,000
Police Facility Study	\$150,000
Security Enhancements	\$4,260,000
Total Public Safety Initiative Program	\$32,610,000

Note: These figures represent total approved capital program amounts (appropriated over multiple years).

The debt service on the bonds issued to fund the PSI is to be paid from an annual property tax of \$1.72 million (from 2003 to 2026), as well as an annual contribution of \$350,000 from the Property Services Fund of the City.

Summary of the Security Enhancements Project and New Fire Station #14

As part of the 2002 budget adoption, the Council allocated, for the year 2003, \$4,260,000 of available PSI funding for security enhancement capital initiatives. The Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) had recommended the \$4,260,000 be used for funding a new Fire Station #14, but Mayor Sayles-Belton had recommended the money instead be spent on security initiatives, which the Council agreed to and approved.

The 2003 adopted budget included an appropriation of \$2,145,000 in funds for land acquisition and a portion of the construction costs for the new Fire Station #14 project. In addition, the 2003 adopted budget included a footnote in the capital resolution directing Public Works to establish an appropriate scope for the security enhancements project with any excess resources to be allocated to the new Fire Station #14 project.

In the *2004-2008 CLIC Report*, CLIC recommended that \$2,125,000 of appropriation from the Security Enhancement project be reallocated to the New Fire Station #14 project in order to free up property tax supported funds for other 2004-2008 projects. This recommendation would bring the total funding for the new fire station from \$2,145,000 to \$4,270,000, which was the amount requested in the capital budget submittal. CLIC ranked the New Fire Station #14 project high and would have likely funded it by pushing out other projects but for their decision to recommend the reallocation of PSI funds.

The decision to reduce the funding to the security enhancement project will allow for the completion of some security projects and a vulnerability assessment. The assessment, which will be completed by the end of the year, will identify security risks associated with City facilities including City Hall. The assessment will also include recommendations of security enhancements and cost estimates. If deemed appropriate, requests for funding these security enhancements will be submitted as part of the 2005 – 2009 capital budget processes.

Summary of Attorney's Case Management System

According to the City Attorney, the demands of the caseload on the City Attorney's office, especially as it relates to livability crimes, have exhausted its manual filing system. Without automated tools, cases are not being coordinated, assigned, tracked, and closed effectively enough to support the litigation demands placed on the City Attorney's prosecutors and their staff. The lack of automated coordination, management, and retention of information places the efforts of the City Attorney's Office at risk, hinders law enforcement, and decreases availability for the citizens of Minneapolis.

The total project cost is estimated at \$3.3 million. A portion of this cost, \$400,000, will be paid directly by Hennepin County (a grant) for application assessment and design. The remaining \$2.9 million will need to come from city funds. The Business Information and Technology Services Department has committed \$300,000 in 2003 for pre-planning work. The remaining project cost will be funded either from PSI funds, as recommended by the Mayor, or by future funds allocated by the City Council for information technology purposes. The Mayor's 2004 recommended budget includes \$3.0 million in annual (capital) funding for information technology purposes.

Recommendation

As detailed above, the Mayor is recommending amending the PSI (capital program) by eliminating the unspent or uncommitted appropriation for Security Enhancement Initiatives.