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Department of Health
& Family Support

Date: January 12, 2011
To: Public Safety & Health Committee Members
Cc: Gretchen Musicant (Department of Health and Family Support);
Steve Mosing (Public Works); Jon Wertjes (Public Works)
From: Kristen Klingler, Communities Putting Prevention To
Work Coordinator
Subject: Response to staff direction related to a bicycle/pedestrian-
focused awareness campaign in North Minneapolis

Staff Direction from the Public Safety & Health Committee meeting, December 1, 2010

Direct the consultant to provide information on unfunded bike projects in North Minneapolis, and to develop a capital needs assessment as part of the grassroots outreach of the communication strategy. It was clarified (after the Committee meeting), that Council President Johnson wished to understand "the potential costs of the bike improvements being worked on in North Minneapolis, including the 26th Ave greenway, the Ryan Lake Trail, and the 49th Ave bike lanes."

Response: The Department of Public Works provided the following summary information (all costs are approximate and not detailed) regarding these three projects. Also note that all of these projects are being considered for the recent TLC Call for Projects for Non-motorized Transportation Program (NTP) funding. Future information on this TLC Call for Projects will be communicated soon.

- The 26th Greenway Trail (which currently has on-street, painted bike lanes) is contingent on roadway reconstruction. Total cost is \$7-\$9 million. The roadway is not programmed in the 5-year budget and, although this street may warrant reconstruction, it is not considered a high priority project at this time since there are other streets in worse condition that have been programmed to be addressed first.
- The Ryan Lake Trail needs \$250,000 to complete. Time ran out on the \$41,000 DNR grant the City secured for this project. It has been proven difficult to find funding to complete this project.
- 49th Avenue North on-street, painted bike lanes can be done as part of the 2011 programmed mill and overlay project for ~\$5,000. Public Works is willing to move forward on this mill, overlay and striping. However, there are desires to achieve an off-street path. A partial reconstruction of one side (south side) of the street would cost approximately \$1.5 million.
- Additional information on funded, unfunded, planned and existing bike infrastructure projects can be found on the City's website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/MinneapolisBikewaysExistingFundedPlanned.pdf>. Unfunded projects which were adopted by the City Council in 2001 as part of the Bicycle Master Plan map (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/BicycleMasterPlan2001.pdf>) are represented by yellow dashed lines. This map includes the 49th Avenue North bikeway but not the 26th Greenway Trail or the Ryan Lake Trail.
- Public Works staff has been working on a comprehensive update to the 2001 map— see pages 7-6, 7-7, and 7-12 <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/Ch7Projects.pdf>. This includes both the 26th Greenway Trail and the Ryan Lake Trail. The updated plan has not yet been adopted by City Council.

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