

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development

Date: September 14, 2010

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee

Referral to: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Ways & Means/Budget

Subject: 2010 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development Grant Award for Cedar-Riverside and Franklin LRT Station Area Public Realm Improvements

Recommendation:

1. Accept Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development grant totaling \$375,000 for Cedar-Riverside LRT (\$300,000) and Franklin LRT Station Area (\$75,000) Public Realm Improvements;
2. Amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development agency Fund 01600-Other Grants-State and Local (06100-8900320) by \$375,000
3. Increase the 2010 Revenue Budget for the Community Planning & Economic Development agency Fund 01600-Other Grants-State and Local (01600-8900900-322002) by \$375,000.
4. Authorize the appropriate City staff to execute grant, subrecipient and/or disbursement and related agreements for this grant.

Previous Directives: On April 16, 2010 the Minneapolis City Council authorized the submission of City grant applications for Cedar Avenue Pedestrian Improvements and Franklin Avenue LRT Station Area Pedestrian Improvements to the 2010 Hennepin County Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program.

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Financial Impact

No financial impact. A match of \$300,000 is required by the County for the Cedar Riverside infrastructure work, but it can be from any source. Staff is identifying other private and public funds for this match. Accepting the grant dollars does not obligate the City to provide the match funds.

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: Not applicable.
- City Goals: Jobs & Economic Vitality; Livable Communities, Healthy Lives; Eco-Focused; A City That Works.
- Sustainability Targets: Air Quality; Bicycle Lanes and Paths; Carbon Dioxide Emissions; Downtown Transportation Mode Split;
- Comprehensive Plan: Policy 1.3. Ensure that development plans incorporate appropriate transportation access and facilities, particularly for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit; Policy 1.5: Promote growth and encourage overall city vitality by directing new commercial and mixed-use development to designated corridors and districts; Policy 2.1. Encourage growth and reinvestment by sustaining the development of a multi-modal transportation system; Policy 2.2. Support successful streets and communities by balancing the needs of all modes of

transportation with land use policy; Policy 2.4. Make transit a more attractive option for both new and existing riders; Policy 3.2. Support housing density in locations that are well connected by transit, and are close to commercial, cultural and natural amenities; and Policy 4.11. Attract businesses to the City through strategic infrastructure investments.

- Zoning Code: Not applicable

Supporting Information

In April, 2010 the Minneapolis City Council authorized the submittal of thirteen applications to the 2010 Hennepin County Transit-Oriented Development Program solicitation. Eligible applicants for this funding program may include cities, development authorities and private entities. The Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) funding program supports both infrastructure projects and housing or commercial developments that reinforce the community and the transit system, exhibit a compact and efficient use of available land rather than automobile oriented sprawl, support healthy and active living, and contain a diversity and mix of uses with daily conveniences and transit at the center. Applications were submitted by the City of Minneapolis for the Cedar Avenue Pedestrian Improvements project and the Franklin Avenue LRT Station Area Pedestrian Improvements project.

In June, 2010 the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board approved a 2010 Hennepin County TOD grant award for the City of Minneapolis Cedar-Riverside LRT and Franklin LRT Station Area Public Realm Improvement Project in the amount of \$375,000, with the funding divided between the Cedar Riverside (\$300,000) and Franklin Avenue (\$75,000) projects. The Franklin Avenue funds will be part of the budget for the Cedar/Franklin/Minnehaha project, a 2011 capital infrastructure construction project. A County-funded planning study is underway in Cedar Riverside to identify and prioritize multi-modal infrastructure improvements around the Central Corridor LRT station. A 50% match is now required by Hennepin County for infrastructure work funded by the TOD grant program. The match can be from any source, and funding is currently being assembled by multiple jurisdictions to support the project. City CPED and Public Works will continue to coordinate and work closely with Hennepin County staff on these projects.

This report requests Council authorization to accept the 2010 Hennepin County TOD grant and appropriate funds. This report also requests authorization for appropriate City staff to execute the necessary grant, subrecipient and/or disbursement and related agreements for this grant. Activities funded by this grant must be completed by the end of December 2012.

Two additional projects located within the City of Minneapolis also received 2010 Hennepin County TOD funding awards. Hennepin County will contract directly with the private developers for these projects:

- 1) Mozaic Pedestrian Bridge and Midtown Greenway Ramp (Ackerberg Group - \$265,000), and
- 2) Corcoran Triangle (Wellington, McNellis & Swenson - \$175,000).