



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

Date: August 12, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee
Subject: **Acceptance of \$15,000 from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to Fund a Humboldt Yard Traffic Study.**

Recommendation:

1. Direct Public Works to accept the check in the amount of \$15,000 from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. (CPR), on behalf of the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association (SCNA), for a traffic study to be conducted in the area around the Humboldt yard.
2. Passage of a resolution to amend the 2003 General Appropriations Resolution (Resolution No. 2002R-470) increasing the appropriation to the Public Works Engineering Services Operating Fund (4100 - 600 - 6025) by \$15,000 funded from an increase to revenue source 3455 (4100 600 6025) by said amount.

Previous Directives:

- Stipulation Agreement (City Contract No. 018334) between the City of Minneapolis and CPR.
- City Council Action (dated October 12, 2001) recommending the approval of CPR proposal (as proposed in Petition No 267352) for the extension of 47th Avenue N and recommending that the proper City officers be authorized to enter into a Stipulation Agreement with CPR.

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Jack Yuzna, P.E., Engineer III, Engineering Services

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):

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

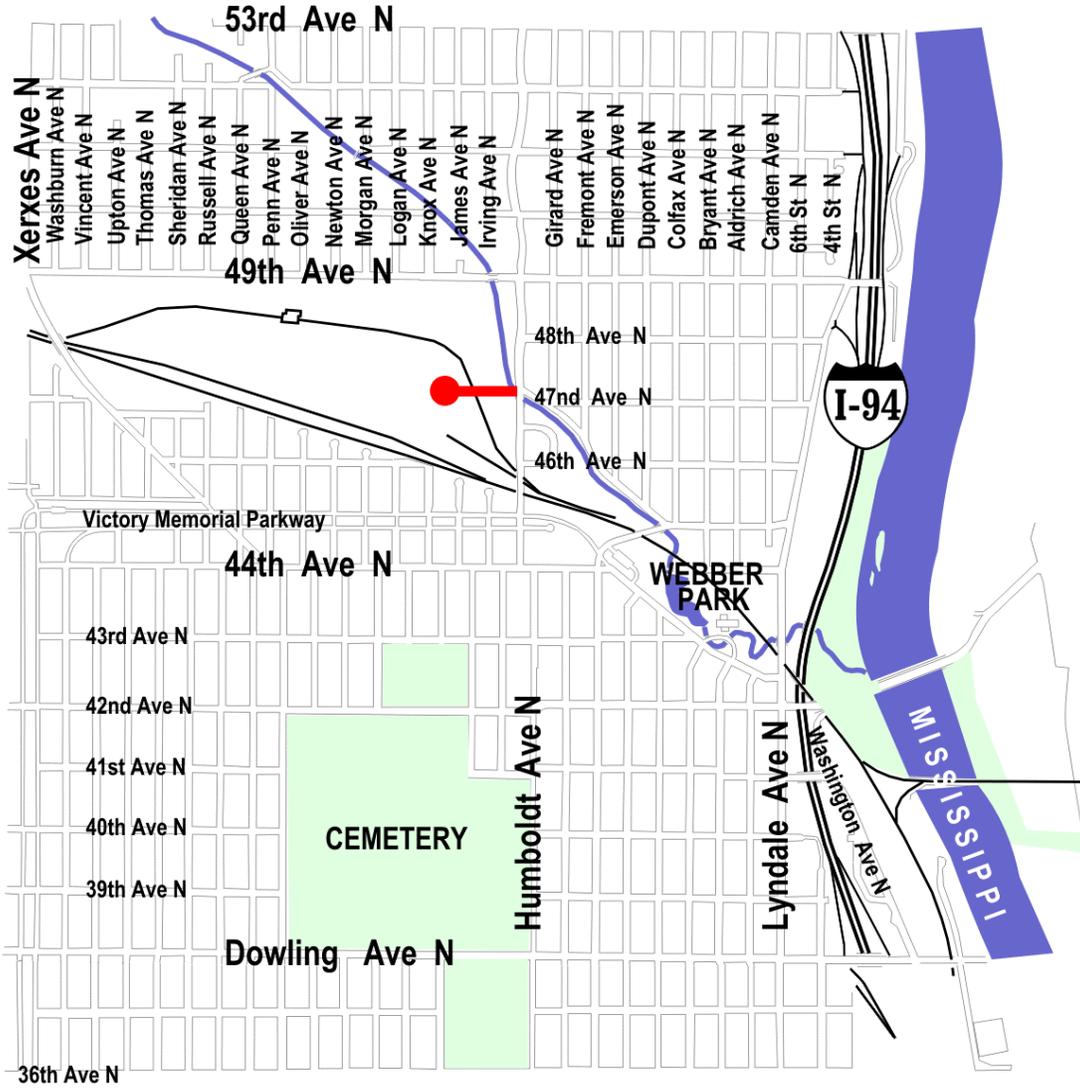
Background/Supporting Information:

Over the years, Public Works has worked with the neighborhoods abutting the Canadian Pacific Railway's (CPR) Humboldt railroad yard. One of the neighborhoods' principal concerns is the volume of truck traffic generated along 49th Ave N by the yard. In 2001, CPR brought forward a proposal to decrease overall truck traffic by expanding the warehouse operations of one of the yard's businesses, Owens Corning. In order for the expansion to work with Owens Corning's current plant configuration, 47th Avenue N needed be extended west from Humboldt Ave N, across their spur line and terminate with a cul-de-sac. The 47th Avenue N extension eliminated Owens Corning's need to have product trucked off site to interim warehouse storage and then have it returned to the yard for final shipment.

As part of the City/CPR Stipulation Agreement, CPR agreed to pay all costs associated with the road extension. The principal roadway construction was completed last year. CPR further agreed to fund a traffic study in the amount of \$15,000 to assist in identifying other opportunities to mitigate traffic volumes in the area surrounding the yard. CPR had been working with the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association (SCNA) and the City on these issues. CPR tendered the \$15,000 to SCNA. SCNA determined that it was more appropriate for the Department to handle management of the traffic study. The Department is therefore requesting authorization to have the appropriate City officers accept the funds and expend the funds on the traffic study as the agreement intended.

cc: Council Member Barbara Johnson

47th Ave N Extension



Project