



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

Date: June 8, 2010

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Accept Donation of Travel Expenses and Related Events for the Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices Workshop Gathering in Boulder, CO**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize proper City officers to accept donation of travel expenses and related events for the Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices Workshop gathering in Boulder, CO from the Bikes Belong Foundation and Rails to Trails Conservancy
- b. Authorize two Public Works employees to represent the City on this trip.
- c. Authorize City Council Member Robert Lilligren to represent the City on this trip via an invitation sent to Transit for Livable Communities for the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program Communities

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved by:

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval	NA	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	NA	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	NA	Date

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Connected Communities
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Bikes Belong Foundation and Rails to Trails Conservancy has invited the City of Minneapolis to participate in a Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices Workshop which will be held in Boulder, Colorado from June 9-11, 2010. Approximately 30 guests have been invited to the workshop include such as:

- NACTO cities
- USDOT
- The four Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP) communities
- Congressional offices closely connected to NTP and Active Community Transportation legislation
- Leading national bicycle advocacy groups

This 3-day gathering is intended as an interactive sharing of lessons learned and collective strategy for advancing the state of the practice nationwide.

Subsequently, Bikes Belong and Rails to Trails have offered a donation of travel expenses including airfare, ground transportation, bicycle rental, accommodations, meeting materials and meals for two City of Minneapolis representatives. In addition, Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) has received the same invitation for two representatives. TLC plans on sending one person, Steve Clark, and has offered their other invitation to Council Member Robert Lilligren.

Since the Minneapolis bicycle program helps those who live, work and visit the city to use bicycles as a low polluting, cost-effective and healthy way to travel, participation in this coalition gathering will provide a public benefit to the City of Minneapolis by increasing our City's knowledge on improving bicycle transportation.

Therefore, we request that proper City officers be authorized to accept the donation of travel expenses and related events for the Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices Workshop in Boulder, Colorado including airfare, ground transportation, bicycle rental, accommodations, meeting materials, event tickets and meals from Bikes Belong Foundation and Rails to Trails Conservancy. Also, it is requested that the City Council designate a Council Member and two Public Works employees to represent the City on this trip.

Attachment: Invitation

RESOLUTION 2010R-XXX

By _____

Accepting the donation of travel expenses for a bicycle delegates to Boulder, Colorado.

Whereas, on April 9, 2010, Bikes Belong Foundation and Rails to Trails Conservancy invited the City of Minneapolis to participate in the Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices Workshop; and

Whereas, this three day gathering is intended as an interactive sharing of lessons learned and collective strategy for advancing the state of the practice; and

Whereas, the meeting will foster cooperation and clear communication among leading organizations and agencies working to bring world-class bicycle facilities to America; and

Whereas, Bikes Belong Foundation and Rails to Trails Conservancy offered a donation of a travel expenses including airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, and meals; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Bicycle Program helps those who live, work and visit the city to use bicycles as a low polluting, cost-effective, and healthy way to travel; and

Whereas, Minneapolis is nationally recognized for its bicycle program; and

Whereas, participating in the Workshop will increase our city's knowledge on improving bicycle transportation and provide public benefit to the City of Minneapolis:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the proper City officers be authorized to accept the donation of travel expenses for the Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices Workshop in Boulder Colorado including airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, and meals, from Bikes Belong Foundation and Rails to Trails Conservancy.