



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

Date: January 30, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Subject: 26th Avenue North Greenway Project

Recommendation:

- a.) Approve increase for PW-Transportation Capital Agency in Commuter Bicycle Fund (4100-943-9470) by \$24,600 and increase the revenue source (4100-943-9470 source 3845) to be reimbursed by Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP).
- b.) Extend NRP contract #19636 to June 30, 2007 to allow for final billing

Previous Directives:

- Executed NRP contract #19636 – July 28, 2003

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Presenters: Donald Pflaum, P.E., Traffic and Parking Services

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

 No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

 X 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

 X Business Plan: X Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.

 Other financial impact (Explain):

 Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Project part of NRP Plan

City Goals: Satisfies multi-modal transportation goals
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Hawthorne Neighborhood set aside \$24,600 of Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds in 2003 to prepare a greenway corridor plan for 26th Avenue North between 2nd Street North and Emerson Avenue North. In order to expedite this process Public Works agreed to front the money required for this study through the Commuter Bicycle Fund. The city hired Biko and Associates to complete this study, which outlined short term and long term plans for this corridor. After completing the public involvement process, it was determined that bicycle lanes were justified in the short term and that a multi-use trail would be pursued in collaboration with a total reconstruction of the street in the long term. Since the completion of the study, bicycle lanes have been installed along 26th Avenue North and the neighborhood has begun to advocate for a total reconstruction of the corridor to allow for the construction of the multi-use trail (which will replace the bicycle lanes).

The purpose of this action is to allow for the city to be reimbursed by the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) for costs associated for their neighborhood planning effort. Design costs associated with the development of the bicycle lanes along 26th Avenue North came from another funding source. The reimbursed funds will go back into the Commuter Bicycle Fund and will be spent on bicycle program expenditures.

It is important to note that the Hawthorne Neighborhood Association has recently sent a request to the City Engineer's office requesting that 26th Avenue North be reconstructed to allow for a multi-use trail. This request is currently being evaluated, however it is unlikely that this project will be added to the CIP within the next five years because the Pavement Condition Index rating for this corridor is higher than many other roadways within the city in need of replacement. At some point the street will be considered for reconstruction and this study will become the basis for which the corridor is designed. This corridor has been identified as an off-street bicycle system gap in the cities draft 10-Year Transportation Action Plan.