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

Date: February 14, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Minneapolis Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan – Streetcar Study**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize proper city officials to amend the contract with the consultant team of Nelson-Nygaard, Meyer Mohaddes and S.E.H. in the amount of \$300,000 to complete a Streetcar Study as part of the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan pending City attorney review.

Previous Directives:

- December 19, 2005 – City Council appropriated \$300,000 for a streetcar study as part of the Ten-Year Action Plan
- March 11, 2005 – City Council authorized contract with Meyer Mohaddes, Nelson Nygaard and S.E.H. to complete the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan
- March 11, 2005 – City Council authorized funding agreement with Mn/DOT
- January 14, 2005 – City Council authorized funding agreements with Hennepin County and Metropolitan Council
- November 5, 2004 – City Council authorized release of the RFP
- June 8, 2004 - TPW received & filed study goals and timeline
- April 2, 2004 - Resolution 2004R-139 – Appropriated \$300,000 for study

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No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information): \$300,000 was appropriated in 2006 Public Works budget

___ 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

Business Plan: 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: Not Applicable

City Goals: explore potential for streetcar technology to improve city's transportation system as a means to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

The RFP for the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan was approved by the City Council on November 5, 2004 and the RFP was released the week of November 8, 2004. The budget for the study is \$600,000. An interagency selection committee recommended the selection of the Meyer-Mohaddes/Nelson Nygaard/S.E.H. team for the project. On March 11, 2005, TPW authorized Public Works to allow proper city officials to enter into a Contract with Meyer-Mohaddes to complete the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan.

On January 4, 2005, TPW authorized Public Works to allow proper city officials to enter into Agreements with the Met Council (\$120,000) and Hennepin County (\$120,000) regarding funding participation for the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan pending City attorney review. On March 11, 2005, TPW authorized Public Works to allow proper city officials to enter into an Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (\$200,000) regarding funding participation for the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan pending city attorney review.

On December 19, 2005, City Council appropriated \$300,000 for a one-time study of streetcars to be completed as part of the Ten-Year Action Plan.

Public Works requests authorization to amend the contract with Meyer Mohaddes/Nelson Nygaard/S.E.H. to incorporate a study of streetcars as directed by City Council on December 19, 2005. This work will be done primarily by Nelson Nygaard, a company with national expertise in streetcar planning.

Attachments:

1 – Consultant Scope of Service

CC: Ed Backstrom, Attorney's Office