



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

Date: May 4, 2010

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

Subject: **2008 SAFETEA-LU New Freedom Program (2008-2009) for Accessible Pedestrian Signals**

Recommendation:

Proper City Officers be directed to execute an Agreement with Metropolitan Council for the amount of \$150,000 for the acceptance of the New Freedom Funds for the installation and evaluation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals.

Previous Directives:

- Resolution 2010R-138 Accessible Pedestrian Signals
- Resolution 2008R-474 Accessible Pedestrian Signals
- Resolution 2007R-630 Accessible Pedestrian Signals

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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: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The purpose of the New Freedom program is to provide additional tools for Americans with disabilities trying to overcome barriers in their integration into the work force and their full participation in society. The City applied for and received \$125,000 in 2007 to install accessible pedestrian signals (APS) at 34 crosswalks that are along transit routes.

Public Works prepared an application for the 2008 federal SAFETEA-LU New Freedom funds in response to the Metropolitan Council solicitation for 2008/2009 funds. Public Works was successful in the solicitation and was awarded the funding of \$150,000 in the fall of 2009.

This action increases funding for the project by \$150,000 and extends the term of the agreement to September 30, 2011.

Cc: Don Elwood, Public Works
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