



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

Date: July 24, 2007
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Subject: **Skyway connection between Ivy Hotel + Residence and the 11th & Marquette Municipal Parking Ramp.**

Recommendation:

- a. That the Director of Public Works be authorized to negotiate and the proper City officers be allowed to execute a Skyway Agreement between the Ivy Tower Development, LLC and the City of Minneapolis regarding construction, operation, maintenance and required easements for a new connection between the Ivy Hotel + Residence development and the 11th & Marquette Municipal Parking Ramp. The proposed new link will cross 2nd Avenue South just south of the intersection with 11th Street South.

- b. That staff be authorized to negotiate and the proper City officers allowed to execute an agreement between Ivy Tower Development, LLC, and the City of Minneapolis regarding landscaping design and maintenance of the northeast corner and along the east wall of the 11th & Marquette Municipal Ramp parcel.

Previous Directives:

None

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Policy Review Group	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- X 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
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): Special assessment against benefited properties
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Improve skyway system and ramp access in convention center area.
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

The developer of the Ivy Tower site, Ivy Tower Development, LLC ("the developer"), has requested to construct a skyway bridge connecting their new development with the pedestrian walkway bridge attached to and surrounding the perimeter of the 11th&Marquette Municipal Parking Ramp (formerly known as Orchestra Hall Municipal Ramp). The skyway would cross 2nd Avenue South just south of the intersection with 11th Street South. In order to allow construction of this skyway to proceed on city owned property, an agreement regarding skyway construction, operation, maintenance and easements will need to be agreed upon between the City of Minneapolis and Ivy Tower Development LLC. This letter requests authorization to proceed with this task. The developer has also requested permission to take over landscaping responsibility at the intersection of 2nd Avenue South and 11th Street South and most of the 2nd Avenue South block side of the ramp. The developer would install curb planters and plant ivy on the ramp side facing the new development. A separate agreement would cover easements and maintenance of the landscaping.

As part of any potential final agreement, the developer has agreed to pay for and obtain all necessary city permits and approvals, cover all design and construction costs including final restoration of city property as well as to pay for all operating and maintenance costs of the new skyway link.

Attached is a drawing that shows the location of the skyway and the landscaping area of responsibility that was requested by the developer. Construction is scheduled for this summer with the opening in October of this year.