

Preliminary 2006 Capital Budget Requests

1. **Local Government:** City of Minneapolis
2. **Project Title:** Heritage Park Redevelopment Project
3. **Project Priority:** See attached City Council Resolution
4. **Project Location:** City of Minneapolis
5. **Total Project Cost** \$20,000,000
6. **Request for 2006 State Funds:** \$6,000,000
7. **State Funds Request in 2008** \$0
8. **State Funds Request in 2010** \$0
9. **Non-State Funds Available Or To Be Contributed to the Project:**

Federal Grant	\$ 5,662,000
EPA	\$ 400,000
Hennepin County	\$ 7,938,000

10. Project description and rationale

This request is for \$6 million in state funding to acquire land and construct public infrastructure for Van White Memorial Boulevard – Minneapolis’ new North-South greenway. The construction of this statewide significant public roadway is a key future of the 145-acre Heritage Park development. Major elements of the Heritage Park development, which is located in the heart of Minneapolis – one mile from downtown – and close to major transportation routes, jobs, and educational opportunities, are:

- Construction of 900 mixed-income housing units (for sale & rental) in place of 770 dilapidated public housing units (now demolished);
- Reconnecting the urban grid pattern by building neighborhood streets, walking, and biking trails to this once isolated enclave;
- Cleaning polluted land resulting from decades of illegal dumping in early 1900’s; and
- Collecting and cleaning stormwater from over 400 acres through channels, ponds, and native plants prior to being discharged to the Mississippi River.

Heritage Park and the construction of the Van White Boulevard became a reality pursuant to the 1995 Hollman Consent Decree which was the result of a 1992 class action segregation lawsuit entitled Hollman vs. Cisneros filed by Minneapolis Legal Aid Society and the NAACP. It was 'concentration' and 'isolation' of public housing residents that catalyzed residents to initiate a lawsuit demanding immediate change. The creation of a new mixed-income neighborhood connected to the larger community through the construction of streets, trails and parks were the key elements that settled the lawsuit. The completion of Heritage Park, and most importantly, Van White Boulevard, not only fulfills the requirements of the original lawsuit, but it also speaks to the goals of the state to vigorously correct patterns of discrimination, eradicate concentrated poverty enclaves, and support self sustaining communities that add to the economic fabric of the State of Minnesota.

The 3-mile Van White Memorial Boulevard is being designed as a parkway-style greenway reconnecting the Near Northside to jobs, recreation activities, cultural amenities, and education opportunities located in Downtown and south Minneapolis. The boulevard will be transit-ready, accompanied by a number of transit enhancements, and will include bike path connections to the Cedar Lake commuter trail and the future Bassett Creek Trail.

State bond funding for basic public infrastructure will leverage over 200 million from foundation, private and other public resources that are contingent upon public infrastructure investment.

Statewide goals for this project include a strengthened urban core that is consistent with state and regional Smart Growth and anti-sprawl efforts, and innovative storm water management system including wetland infiltration areas and ponds on areas with soils poorly suited to housing. Moreover, the project fulfills an important State mission by building affordable housing, deconcentrating poverty, and reducing the disparity between minority and other populations.

While the location of the Near Northside Redevelopment is situated within the City of Minneapolis, the significance of its development greatly affects the region and state economy. The number of housing units (900) to be constructed at Heritage Park is greater than the total population of 70 percent of the cities and townships in Minnesota. The sheer magnitude of the size of the development – 145 acres – is again larger than a sizeable number of cities and townships in the state. The number of affordable housing units to be constructed -500- will affect not only those families currently seeking homes that live within the city, but also those families looking for better economic conditions than what may currently exist in outstate areas. Additionally, businesses and industries that generally rely

upon service workers can be assured that their employees have homes near their work centers.

11. Ownership:

The City of Minneapolis will own and operate the facility

12. Detailed Project Costs:

Project Category	Project Cost
Land Acquisition	\$2,000,000
Predesign	\$ 270,000
Design	\$ 130,000
Construction	\$2,700,000
Furniture/Fixture/Equipment	\$ 0
Relocation Cost	\$ 900,000
Total	\$6,000,000

13. Square Footage

Not applicable

14. Project Schedule

Construction starts: October 2006
Construction complete: December 2011

15. State Operating Funds \$0

16. City Council Resolution No state operating dollars are being requested.

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