



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

Date: September 22, 2009

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

Referral: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Accept donation of travel expenses and related events for the Progressive Bicycle Cities Coalition (PBCC) gathering in Portland, OR**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize proper City officers to accept donation of travel expenses and related events for the Progressive Bicycle Cities Coalition (PBCC) gathering in Portland, OR from the City of Portland and Mia Birk, respectively
- b. Authorize proper City officers to designate a Public Works employee to represent the City on this trip

Previous Directives:

None

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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: Connected Communities
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The City of Portland has invited the City of Minneapolis to participate in the chartering of the Progressive Bicycle Cities Coalition (PBCC) which will be held in Portland, Oregon from October 1 – 3, 2009. This 3-day gathering is intended to establish a framework for the PBCC to advance technology and innovation in the urban bicycle transportation systems and guide national policy, standards, and best practices to support these systems. PBCC collaboration is needed to create a model for U.S. cities to illustrate how providing quality bicycle infrastructure and programs can provide transportation options, promote healthier citizens and reduce the effects of global climate change.

Since Minneapolis is nationally recognized for its bicycle program, the PBCC has requested that a Minneapolis representative participate in this gathering to share our recent accomplishments in developing bicycle infrastructure as well as learn from the experiences of other progressive bicycle cities such as Boston, Chicago, New York, Portland, San Francisco and Seattle.

Subsequently, the City of Portland has offered a donation of travel expenses including airfare, ground transportation, bicycle rental, accommodations, meeting materials and meals. In addition, Mia Birk with Alta Planning + Design has kindly offered to provide each representative with a complimentary ticket to the David Byrne bicycle-related event that will be occurring during this gathering.

Since the Minneapolis bicycle program helps those who live, work and visit the city to use bicycles as a low polluting, cost-effective and healthy way to travel, participation in this coalition gathering will provide a public benefit to the City of Minneapolis by increasing our City's knowledge on improving bicycle transportation.

Therefore, we request that proper City officers be authorized to accept the donation of travel expenses and related events for the PBCC gathering in Portland, Oregon including airfare, ground transportation, bicycle rental, accommodations, meeting materials, event tickets and meals from the City of Portland and Mia Birk, respectively. We also request that proper City officers be authorized to designate a Public Works employee to represent the City on this trip.

Attachment: Invitation from the City of Portland