



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: November 7, 2006

To: Lisa Goodman, Chair Community Development Committee

Referral to: Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Biosciences Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Application

Recommendation: Apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for a Biosciences Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant for the SEMI/University Research Park area.

Previous Directives: On September 23, 2005, September 23, 2003 and June 22, 2001 the City Council included State bonds for the SEMI/University Research Park (URP) in its request to the Legislature and on June 30, 2006 the City Council authorized application to the Metropolitan Council for a Livable Communities Demonstration Account grant for infrastructure funds for the SEMI/URP area.

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Presenters in Committee: Jim Forsyth

Financial Impact

- Action is within the Business Plan
- Other financial impact. Staff will return to the City Council for approval of appropriation amendments following action by DEED on the requested grant application.

Community Impact

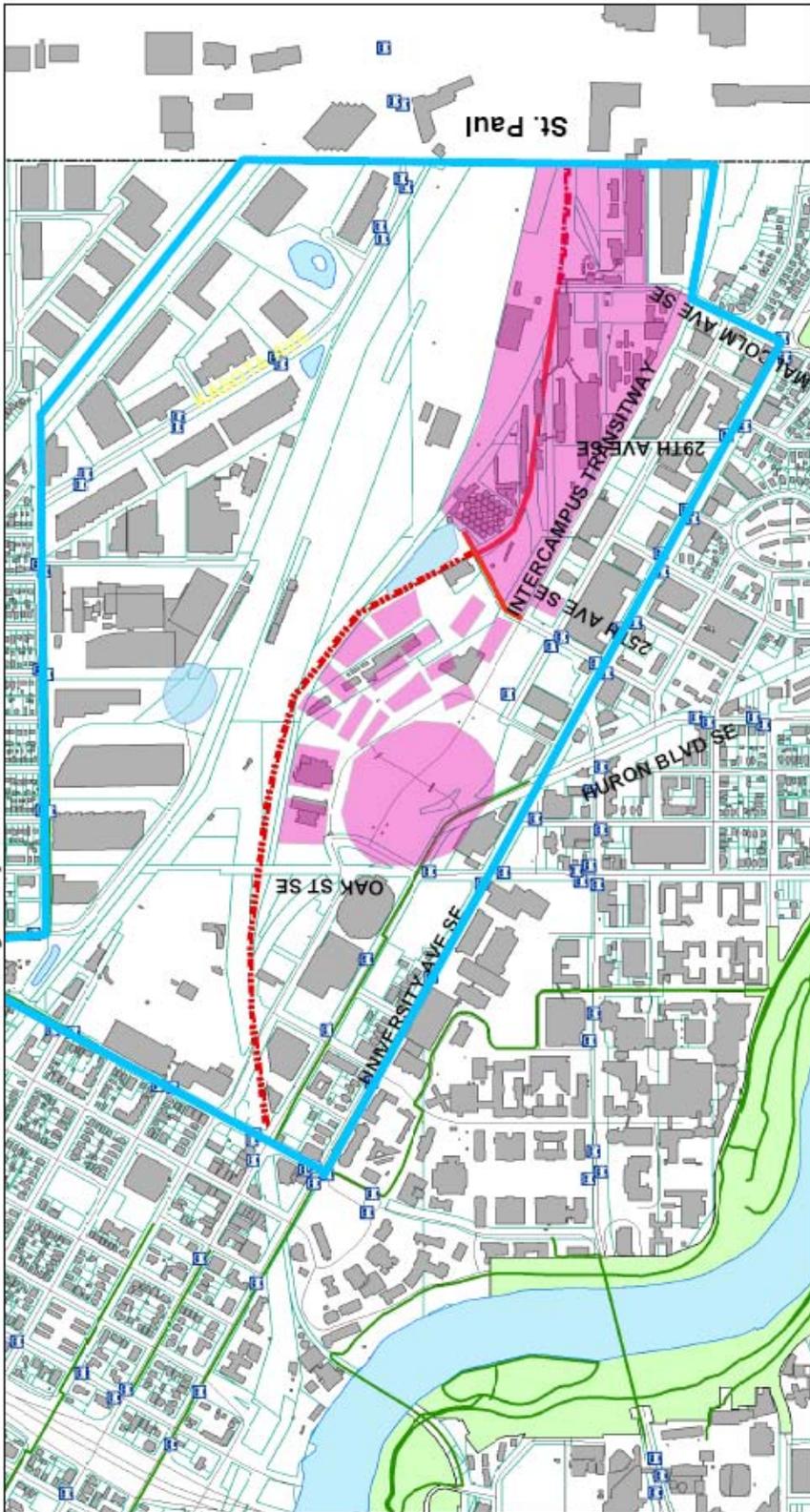
- Neighborhood Notification: The South East Economic Development (SEED) Committee has endorsed making application for the grant.
- City Goals: A Premier Destination. Retain and Grow Businesses in Life Sciences and the Creative Economy
- Comprehensive Plan: The infrastructure to be constructed in part with the requested grant is consistent with the recently approved SEMI/URP amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Zoning Code: Consistent

Supporting Information

During the past several Legislative sessions the City has sought State Bond funds for development of infrastructure in the SEMI/University Research Park Redevelopment Project east of the Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota. None of those requests was approved by the Legislature. However, during the 2005 session, State bond funds were approved for statewide bioscience infrastructure uses. However, the authorizing Legislation did not specify a program for those funds. In the 2006 session that oversight was corrected and \$2,000,000 for infrastructure purposes were made available on a statewide basis. This report recommends that appropriate City officials be authorized to prepare an application for up to \$2,000,000 of those funds. The recommendation also requires staff to identify appropriate matching funds and to return to the City Council for authorization to accept a grant and to appropriate necessary matching funds following DEED action on the grant request. Sources of matching funds are expected to be the MILES program, Tax Increment generated within SEMI, MSA funds and other non-State grants.

The grant, if awarded, will be used for roads needed to access the area in the SEMI/URP depicted on the attached map that is east of the Gopher Stadium and proposed University research buildings and north of the University's Intercampus Transitway and the planned Central Corridor light rail line.

Granary Expansion East Site Plan



Legend

-  Proposed Roadway
-  Proposed Buildings
-  Proposed Storm Water
-  Existing Roadway
-  Existing Buildings
-  Metro Transit Bus Stops
-  Water
-  Sidewalks
-  Trails
-  Railroad
-  Parks



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