



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

**Date:** September 16, 2008

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

**Subject:** **Minneapolis Pedestrian Master Plan Status Update**

**Recommendation:**

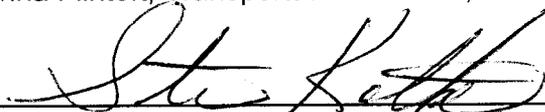
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**Previous Directives:**

- 9/25/07 - Authorize proper city officials to enter into a contract with the consultant team of T. Y. Lin International to complete the Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan pending city attorney review and execution of grant contracts.
- 4/3/07 - Authorize City officials to accept two NTP direct award federal grants (\$150,000 Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan, S.P. 141-091-02 and \$200,000 Citywide Bicycle Parking, S.P. 141-091-01); Authorize City officials to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield grant for \$75,000 to be used for the Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan; Authorize City officials to enter into respective agreements with MnDOT State Aid and/or Blue Cross Blue Shield as needed to obtain such grant awards; Authorize Public Works to develop and issue an RFP for a consultant to assist on the Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan pending PRC approval.

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**Approved by:**

  
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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Anna Flintoft, Department of Public Works, Transportation Planning & Engineering

**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** (Check those that apply)

- 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):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meetings, Public Open Houses, Project Website, Press Releases, Neighborhood Emails  
City Goals: CONNECTED COMMUNITIES  
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable  
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

Public Works is developing a Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan with the assistance of other city departments and the Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The purpose of the plan is to help the City plan, identify funding opportunities, design, construct, and maintain pedestrian facilities, as well as to help the City manage the many programs that are aimed at getting more people out walking.

A public meeting was held in March 2008 to introduce the project; over 100 people attended. A second public meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2008 at the Downtown Central Library. The purpose of this meeting is to seek public input on draft pedestrian capital improvement priorities and best practices for designing and maintaining the pedestrian environment.

It is anticipated that the final plan will be completed by the end of 2008 and brought to the City Council for approval. More information on the plan is available on the project website: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/pedestrian/pedestrian-masterplan.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/pedestrian/pedestrian-masterplan.asp).

Public Works will update the Transportation & Public Works Committee on work completed to date and information to be shared at the public meeting.

Cc: Mayor and Council Members