



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

**Date:** January 27, 2009  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means / Budget Committee  
**Subject:** **Layout Approval: 13<sup>th</sup> Street South Pedestrian Gateway**

### Recommendation:

- a) Approve the project layout of 13<sup>th</sup> Street South Pedestrian Gateway from Nicollet Mall to the intersection of Grant St and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S along 13<sup>th</sup> St South right of way.
- b) Authorize the City Officers to accept the Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund Grant between Mn/DOT and the City of Minneapolis to provide up to \$714,400 in federal grant funding for SP#141-080-41 (13<sup>th</sup> St S Pedestrian Gateway) for the period of Mn/DOT program year 2011.
- c) Amend capital appropriated budget 2007R-645 for PV045, to include the Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund Grant. Add Federal Grant Funds in the amount of \$714,400.
- d) Authorize the increase of \$714,400 to Fund/dept: 04100-9010000-PV045 and revenue source Fund/dept: 04100-9010000-3210.

### Previous Directives:

- December 12, 2007: Council approved Capital budget Project # PV045 (transfer from Convention Center)
- June 29, 2007 : Council approval of Downtown Action Plan
- December 11, 2006: Council approved Capital Budget PV045 NDB & GF transfer

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### Approved by:

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### Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date

## Financial Impact

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget

Dept Name: Public Works Capital 9010000

Fund Name: 04100

Project Name (if capital budget): PV045, 13<sup>th</sup> Street South Pedestrian Gateway

Amount: \$714,400

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Dept Name: Public Works Capital 9010000

Fund Name: 04100-9010000-3210

Project Name (if capital budget): PV045, 13<sup>th</sup> Street South Pedestrian Gateway

Amount: \$714,400

## Community Impact

- **Neighborhood Notification:** Public communications is ongoing through several different media including e-mail project updates, public meetings, and the project website.
- **City Goals:** -- meets the goals of:
  - A Safe Place to Call Home
    - Strong, Safe and Highly visible pedestrian connection to highly used city facilities
  - Connected Communities
    - Connected network of transportation options
    - Streets will be destinations
  - Enriched Environment
    - Energy into renewable and alternative energy
    - Fully implement the City's Sustainable Work Plan
- **Comprehensive Plan:** Implements the transportation polices set forth in the city's comprehensive plan and the actions approved in the Downtown Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan
- **Zoning Code:** Not Applicable

## Background/Supporting Information:

### Proposed Layout

This project was developed as part The Downtown Action Plan, which was approved by City Council on June 29, 2007. This project is listed in the Pedestrian Network section and the Transit Network section under Intra-Downtown Circulation service. The project is proposed to improve the street-level pedestrian connection along 13th Street from Nicollet Mall to the Convention Center.

The project will provide an improved pedestrian connection on 13<sup>th</sup> St S from Nicollet Mall to the Convention Center. The purpose of the project is to provide a strong, safe, highly visible pedestrian connection between the Convention Center, Nicollet Mall, the Loring Greenway, Eat Street and nearby downtown neighborhoods and businesses. We will be adding signage, wayfinding, and streetscape as shown on the attached layout to connect Nicollet Mall and the Convention Center. The proposed layout includes placement of new sidewalk, green elements, and alignment shifts within the pedestrian zone. The proposed layout will not adjust the geometry of the street or change vehicular traffic flow.

Public Works has coordinated the development of the proposed project layout with affected property owners, businesses, neighborhood associations, and other interested stakeholders at three public meetings. Public Works has also met independently with three stakeholder groups: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Nicollet Mall Advisory Board, and the Convention Center.

Staff is requesting layout approval from Council in order to proceed with the project.

**Schedule**

Construction of the project is currently scheduled to occur in 2009. An Advance Construction Agreement will be necessary to construct the project in 2009. A separate request for Council Action will be submitted upon approval of the project memorandum by Mn/DOT and receipt of the agreement.

**Capital Budget Amendment**

If the City Council authorizes the acceptance of the Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds with Mn/DOT, the capital budget will need to be aligned with the funds in the agreement. We recommend amending resolution 2007R-645 to increase the appropriation and revenue sources for project PV045 (13<sup>th</sup> Street), using federal funds per the Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund grant.

The available funding for the project (Project Number PV045) includes the following funding sources:

2007 Adopted Capital Budget:	
Net Debt Bonds	\$270,000
General Funds	\$230,000
2008 Adopted Capital Budget:	
Other – Sales Tax Funding	\$750,000
<u>Grant Funding</u>	<u>\$714,400</u>
Total	\$1,964,400

**Proposed Agreements**

In 2007 a Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund Application was submitted. The grant was approved in 2008 for the amount of \$714,400 with a local match amount of \$178,600. Funds for the local match are available in the project budget.

Attachments: Proposed Layout

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