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

Date: March 23, 2010

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

Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **2008 SAFETEA-LU New Freedom Program (2008-2009) for Accessible Pedestrian Signals**

Recommendation:

a. Decrease the appropriation for the PW-Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (04100/9010943 TR013 CTR913SG090) by $37,500.
b. Increase the appropriation for the PW-Transportation Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Fund (04100/9010943 CTRAPSSG080) by $187,500, to be reimbursed from the decrease in appropriation as noted in recommendation a. and $150,000 to be reimbursed by Metropolitan Council (revenue source 3225).

Previous Directives:

- October 24, 2008 - Resolution 2008R-474 Accessible Pedestrian Signals
- December 7, 2007 - Resolution 2007R-630 Accessible Pedestrian Signals

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Nickolas VanGunst, P.E., PTOE, Professional Engineer

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

_X_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
_X_ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The purpose of the New Freedom program is to provide additional tools for Americans with disabilities trying to overcome barriers in their integration into the work force and their full participation in society. The City applied for and received $125,000 in 2007 to install accessible pedestrian signals (APS) at 34 crosswalks that are along transit routes. This project began in the spring of 2009 and was completed in the summer of 2009.

Public Works prepared an application for the 2008 federal SAFETEA-LU New Freedom funds in response to the Metropolitan Council solicitation for 2008/2009 funds. Public Works was successful in the solicitation and was awarded the funding in the fall of 2009.

An appropriation was set up for the first round of the New Freedom Funds. This appropriation will need to be increased to accommodate for the new round of New Freedom Funds. Therefore, Public Works is requesting an increase in appropriation for Public Works in the Capital Improvements Fund in the Transportation Capital Agency for expenses related to capital projects by $187,500 (04100/9010943 CTRAPSSG080) funded by the decrease in appropriation of $37,500 (04100/9010943 TR013 (Railroad Safety) from 2009 (CTR913SG090) and $150,000 to be reimbursed by Metropolitan Council (revenue source 3225). These federal funds require a 20% local match for construction plus the costs for design and engineering. The additional transfer of $37,500 will be used as the local match.

Cc: Don Elwood, Public Works
Grants and Special Projects

By <u>Council Members Colvin Roy and Hodges</u>

"Passage of a resolution to amend the 2007 capital appropriation resolution to decrease the appropriation for Public Works in the Capital Improvements Fund in the Transportation Capital Agency for expenses related to capital projects by $37,500 (04100/9010943 TR013 CTR913SG090).

"Passage of a resolution to amend the 2007 capital appropriation resolution to increase appropriation for Public Works in the Capital Improvements Fund in the Transportation Capital Agency for expenses related to capital projects by $187,500 (04100/9010943 CTRAPSSG080) funded by the decrease in appropriation of $37,500 (04100/9010943 TR013 CTR913SG090) and an increase to revenues in the amount of $150,000 (04100/9010943); amend the allocation of resources as follows: increase the revenue source 321012 (04100/9010943) by $150,000.