

# Transit for Livable Communities

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July 25, 2008

Dear Shaun,

Thank you for your application to the February 2008 Bike/Walk Twin Cities solicitation with the project: Filmore & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues Bike Walk Street. As you know, the TLC Board met on July 1<sup>st</sup> and made five awards for immediate funding, including the Filmore & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues project in the amount of \$325,000. Congratulations on your successful application! We received 35 applicants totaling over \$16 million, continued indication of the demand for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

TLC welcomes this collaboration with Minneapolis, as we shape the design elements for maximum effectiveness in reaching the goals of the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program. Project readiness was a significant consideration in the award decision, and we expect grantees to submit a project memorandum to Mn/DOT by October 1, 2008. You may already have been contacted by Dan Erickson to begin this process.

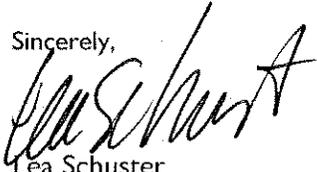
TLC policy requires the following in the scope of work. Grantees must:

1. Accept a scope of work and specifications that are consistent with Mn/DOT's bikeway design standards and the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). In those incidences where such standards cannot be met (e.g. constrained Right-of-Way that does not allow for bike lanes) or are simply not covered (e.g. full width bike street markings) any proposed experimental treatment should be done in consultation with TLC and with guidance from the Mn/DOT Bicycle Modal Plan (2005).
2. Work with Metro Transit to ensure transit effectiveness.
3. Provide TLC documentation of public process during the planning and/or design stage.
4. Work with TLC in outreach efforts, including use of the Bike/Walk Twin Cities logo in communication with the public regarding the project.
5. Participate in follow-up with TLC staff regarding the progress of the project.
6. Abide by timelines indicated in the solicitation (Project memo by October 1, 2008).
7. Consider participating in planning and training opportunities sponsored by Bike/Walk Twin Cities for pedestrian and bicycle planning & facilities development.

The Board also recognized projects –‘with highest potential’ identified by the Bike/Walk Advisory Committee (BWAC) and informed by the technical scorers. As consideration for additional awards through the February 2008 solicitation process, TLC will work collaboratively with these applicants to seek maximum benefits of mode shift and other objectives of the federal Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP). This process will involve BWAC and TLC staff, with final determination by the TLC board.

Thank you for partnering with the Bike/Walk Twin Cities program, as we work together to make our region more walkable, bikeable, and livable. Much to follow.

Sincerely,

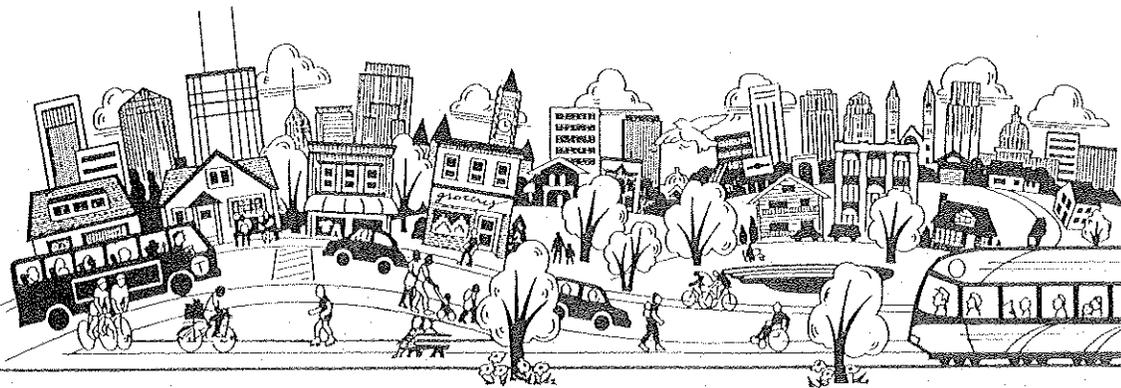
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Lea Schuster  
Executive Director

cc: Jon Wertjes  
Mayor R.T. Rybak

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Thank you for your application to the February 2008 Bike/Walk Twin Cities solicitation. The TLC Board met on July 1<sup>st</sup> and made five awards for immediate funding. We received 35 applicants totaling over \$16 million, continued indication of the demand for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The following projects were not selected for funding at this time: *29<sup>th</sup> Ave S, 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave N, Pleasant Ave S, 49<sup>th</sup> St W, 30<sup>th</sup> & Nokomis Aves S, City-wide Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements, 38<sup>th</sup> St E Improvements, Hennepin & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N, Lake St. W & Lagoon Ave, Penn & Broadway, & Victory Neighborhood Festival Street Foundation Project.*

The Board also recognized projects –'with highest potential' identified by the Bike/Walk Advisory Committee (BWAC) and informed by the technical scorers. As consideration for additional awards through the February 2008 solicitation process, TLC will work collaboratively with these applicants to seek maximum benefits of mode shift and other objectives of the federal Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP). This process will involve BWAC and TLC staff, with final determination by the TLC board. There is no commitment to fund these projects, or to restrict any future direct awards to these particular projects.

Although the above listed projects were not identified in this process as highest potential, it is possible at some point that TLC may reconsider one or more of them, or even discuss other possible facilities for funding in Minneapolis. At this point there is no action required or requested of Minneapolis Public Works. TLC will be reaching out to all communities in our grant area in the coming months, as we determine a funding strategy for the remainder of the pilot program.

Thank you for your involvement in our program, Shaun. We are excited to continue working together to make our region more walkable, bikeable, and livable.

Sincerely,

Lea Schuster  
Executive Director

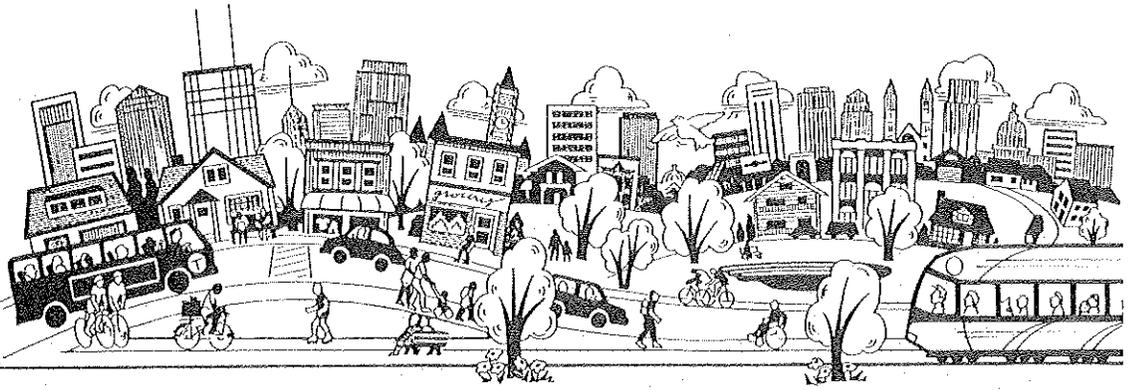
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July 30, 2008

Dear Shaun,

Thank you for your applications to the February 2008 Bike/Walk Twin Cities solicitation. The TLC board met on July 1<sup>st</sup> and made five awards for immediate funding. We received 35 applicants totaling over \$16 million, continued indication of the demand for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The board also recognized several projects for potential funding, represented in the following table:

## High Priority Projects for Potential Funding Identified by the Bike/Walk Advisory Committee

applicant(s)	project name	category
City of Minneapolis Public Works	18th Ave S	Bike/Walk Street
City of Minneapolis Public Works	11th Av S (Andersen School to Powderhorn Park)	Bike/Walk Street
City of Minneapolis Public Works	Oak Park Ave N	Bike/Walk Street
City of Brooklyn Center	Bass Lake Road Off-Road Sidewalk/Trail	Livable Street
City of Minneapolis Public Works	Washington Ave	Livable Street
City of Minneapolis Public Works	Cedar Ave - 6th St to Washington Ave trench	Livable Street
Hennepin County Transportation Dept	Park and Portland Aves Bike Lane Connection Project	Livable Street

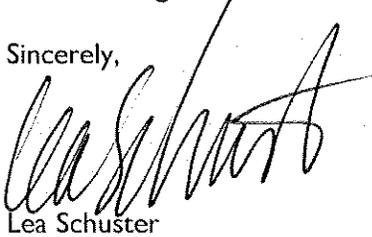
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The Bike/Walk Advisory Committee recommended these projects as having high potential for achieving our program goals. A number of your projects are included in this category. As consideration for additional awards through the February 2008 solicitation process, TLC will work collaboratively with interested applicants to seek maximum benefits of mode shift and other objectives of the federal Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP). While there is no commitment to fund these projects, or to restrict any future direct awards to these particular projects, this is where TLC will focus primary attention at this time. TLC staff will communicate with you and other applicants to explore interest in continuing to develop or adapt the project designs. You can expect to hear from us by late August about the next step in this process. There is no action required or requested of City of Minneapolis Public Works Department in the meantime.

Thank you for your involvement in our program, Shaun. We are excited to continue working together to make our region more walkable, bikeable, and livable.

Sincerely,

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