



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

Date: July 12, 2011

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

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Storm Related Sidewalk Repairs**

Recommendation:

Direct Public Works to move forward with a plan to repair public sidewalks, curb and gutter, and alley pavements damaged as a result of the May 22, 2011 tornado in North Minneapolis, to be paid by FEMA and the State of Minnesota out of the Federal Grant Fund (Fund 01300) as available and allowable. The Sidewalk capital appropriation for 04100-9010939 shall be increased by \$300,000 with the revenue estimate increased in a like amount as appropriate. If some expenses are not reimbursed by FEMA, a future request will be brought forward to fund these expenses from the contingency fund.

Previous Directives:

June 17, 2011: The City Council adopted the recommendation from the Transportation & Public Works Committee to: 1) Direct Public Works to develop a damage estimate for public sidewalks, curb and gutter, and alley pavements damaged as a result of the May 22, 2011 tornado in North Minneapolis, and 2) Direct Public Works and the Finance Department to return to the Transportation & Public Works Committee with a proposal to fund those repairs without assessing abutting property owners.

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Financial Impact:

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

Dept Name: Sidewalk Repair

Fund Name: Permanent Improvement Fund

Project Name (if capital budget): 2011 Storm/Tornado Public Infrastructure Repair

Amount: \$ 300,000

Background/Supporting Information

On Sunday, May 22, 2011 a tornado struck north Minneapolis resulting in considerable damage to private and public property. As was the case in the 2009 tornado response, and following the recommendation in the June 7 Transportation & Public Works Committee letter, Public Works is recommending that damaged public sidewalk and curb and gutter and street pavement and alleys be repaired without assessments to adjacent property owners.

Public Works has completed a survey and estimate of known damage to this point. Damage to alley pavements has not been assessed at this point due to continuing operations in the alleys. Further damages may be realized as Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Forestry crews perform stump removal operations, and remove weakened trees that could potentially fall or were so severely damaged that they require removal. When all damages are known, Public Works and Finance will return to the Committee with further updates on quantities, cost estimates and funding recommendations for approval.

At this time it is estimated that there are approximately 9,400 linear feet of sidewalk (about 1,600 sidewalk panels) and over 600 linear feet of curb and gutter that needs to be replaced. The estimated cost for this work including contract management and contingencies is \$300,000. Public Works recommends that this work be contracted as in-house resources to meet this need are not available.

It is anticipated some or all of these expenditures may be reimbursed by FEMA and the State of Minnesota. If some expenses are not reimbursed by FEMA or the State of Minnesota, a future request will be brought forward to fund these expenses from the contingency fund.