

**CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**TO:** Paul Ostrow  
Ways and Means/Budget Chair

**FROM:** Heidi Hamilton  
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**RE:** January 27, 2009 Transportation and Public Works Committee staff  
direction

**Staff Direction #1:** Separate from the worksheet all projects 90% or more completed.

See attached worksheet.

**Staff Direction#2:** Consider the possibility of re-scoping any project listed as “City portion of County projects” or “City portion of Mn/DOT project”.

If a project is under construction and/or contractual agreements are in place or are close to being approved, Public Works recommends that these projects continue and not be considered for re-scoping. Re-scoping is more feasible on potential future projects where City funding has been proposed but contractual agreements are not yet in place or under development. Additional time will be needed to determine which projects Public Works could recommend for re-scoping and what the impact would be.

**Staff Direction #3:** Of the remaining projects, add the amount of money available, plus any matching funds or other sources of funding that would go into that project (other than General Fund money), to show the impact any particular project would have on the budget

See attached worksheet (far right columns).

**Staff Direction #4:** Regarding projects identified that could be segmented – identify the impact on the infrastructure and the neighborhood, and how much could be saved in 2010.

Segmenting infrastructure programs and projects delays completion, which drives an increasing gap in infrastructure maintenance needs and funding availability. Segmenting roadway projects will generally increase the length of time the public is impacted by construction.

**Staff Direction #5:** Report at W&M/Budget Committee on February 9 on the possibility of substituting a project for the Accelerated Maintenance Program, on a one-time basis, which could free up Net Debt Bonds for the 2009 budget.

Public Works is proposing that \$3M of Storm Water and Sewer Revenue and/or Bonds be transferred to the Public Works Facility Program (specifically the Hiawatha Yard Reconstruction Project) which currently is funded with Net Debt Bonds (NDB). Following this transfer, \$3M of NDB from the Hiawatha Yard Reconstruction project could be transferred into projects funded in the Accelerated Infrastructure Program (AIP), which is funded with Hilton Trust Funds. The projects/programs in the AIP that can be funded with NDB are capital, not maintenance, activities including Asphalt Pavement Resurfacing, Alley Renovations, Street Renovation Program, and City Street Light Renovation.

The result of this reallocation of funds is that \$3M from the AIP (Hilton Trust Fund) becomes available for reprogramming.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me.