



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

Date: June 22, 2010

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

Referral to: Honorable Betsy A. Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **St. Anthony Parkway/Northtown Yard Bridge over the BNSF Northtown Rail Yard**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize the execution of a State Grant Agreement between the City of Minneapolis and the Metropolitan Council (Grant Agreement No. SG-2009-072) in the amount of \$600,000 for pre-design; design and land acquisition for the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge pending satisfactory review by the proper City officers.
- b. Upon the execution of Grant Agreement No. SG-2009-072, authorize the proper City officers to accept the funds and amend the 2010 Capital Budget Appropriation by increasing PW-Transportation Capital Agency in State Grants Fund (01600-901-0938 Source 3215) to reimburse St. Anthony Parkway/Northtown Bridge Project; and
- c. Amend the 2010 Capital Improvement Appropriation by adding an appropriation to the Public Works Capital Improvement Program Fund 4100-901-0938 BR110 in the amount of \$600,000; Increase the revenue source 4100-901-0938 Source 3215 by \$600,000; and authorize the expenditure of said funds.
- d. Authorize negotiations with property owners for the acquisition of right-of-way and temporary construction easements for the St. Anthony Parkway/Northtown Bridge Project.

Previous Directives:

- Resolution 2009R-180 (April 24, 2009) Authorizing proper City officers to submit the St. Anthony Bridge Project application for Member-Designated High Priority Project
- Council Action (May 5, 2007) Authorization to submit an application for federal funds from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for the St Anthony Bridge Project with a recommendation to commit City funds should the project be selected per federal requirements.
- Resolution 2004R-582 and Resolution 2004R-583 (December 13, 2004) Request to issue & sell bonds for 2005 Capital Program
- Resolution 2004R-580 (December 13, 2004) Adoption of 2005-2010 Capital Program and fixing the maximum amounts for 2005 to be expended by the various funds
- Resolution 99R -427 (December 9, 1999) Request to issue & sell bonds for 2000 Capital Program
- Resolution 99R -426 (December 9, 1999) Adoption of 2000-2004 Capital Program and fixing the maximum amounts for 2000 to be expended by the various funds

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Civil Rights	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>

Financial Impact

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

Background/Supporting Information

Public Works has been working to make improvements to the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge over the Burlington Santa Fe Railway Co. (BNSF) Northtown Rail Yard since the late 1980's. Though the bridge's poor condition has been addressed to ensure public safety, its condition has continued to worsen. The bridge is structurally deficient; has a sufficiency rating of 11.3; is fracture critical; and is posted for Vehicle Load and Vertical Clearance Restrictions.

The project initially was programmed for bridge rehabilitation. As the project developed, a better understanding of the complexities of working over one of the nation's busiest rail yards became clearer. Public Works contracted to have a Bridge Rehabilitation Feasibility Report and the findings of the report concluded that bridge replacement rather than rehabilitation may be the appropriate project.

To assist with the reprogramming of the project, a Bridge Type Study was conducted. Using the findings of the study, Public Works began work on securing funding from many sources. Our solicitation efforts were successful and the project is fully funded pending FHWA approvals. Part of the outside funding is a \$600,000 State Grant to assist with acquiring land, pre-design and design. As the State Grant requires that the City enter into Grant Agreement with Metropolitan Council, Public Work requests authorization to have the proper City officers execute the agreement; accept the funds; amend the 2010 Capital Budget Appropriation; and amend the 2010 Capital Improvement Appropriation.

Before a final design can be recommended by Public Works to your Committee and as required of all federally funded projects, this project must be reviewed for compliance with federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public Works is currently working with staff from the local Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) office, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), MnDOT's Cultural Resource Unit (CRU), and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to ensure that this is accomplished. Final property acquisition will not be concluded until these issues are resolved.

The current project schedule is to complete the design and acquire the necessary right-of-way in 2010 & 2011; and construct in 2012 & 2013.

Att.: Project Map
Cc: CM Reich

ST ANTHONY PARKWAY/NORTHTOWN YARD BRIDGE



**RESOLUTION 2010R-
By Colvin Roy**

**Authorizing the execution of a State Grant Agreement No. SG-2009-072 between
the City of Minneapolis and the Metropolitan Council
Amending of the 2010 Capital Budget Appropriation and the 2010 Capital
Improvement Appropriation for the Northtown Yard/St Anthony Parkway Bridge
Project**

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has been working to program the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge over the Burlington Santa Fe Railway Co. (BNSF) Northtown Rail Yard since the late 1980's; and

Whereas, the Bridge provides a critical link to the Grand Rounds – National Scenic Byway; and

Whereas, the bridge is structurally deficient; has a sufficiency rating of 11.3; is fracture critical; and is posted for Vehicle Load and Vertical Clearance Restrictions; and

Whereas, along with improvements to its structural deficiencies the Bridge project will provide enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and

Whereas, in 2009 the City sought and received a grant from the State of Minnesota Legislature in the amount of \$600,000 to assist with the acquisition of land, pre-design and design of the Bridge project; and

Whereas, the State grant will be administered through the Metropolitan Council; and

Whereas, City must enter into a Grant Agreement in order to receive the State grant.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That after satisfactory review, the Proper City Officers be authorized to execute State Grant Agreement No. SG-2009-072;

That upon the execution of said Grant Agreement, the proper City officers accept the funds and amend the 2010 Capital Budget Appropriation by increasing PW-Transportation Capital Agency in State Grants Fund (01600-901-0938 Source 3215) to reimburse St. Anthony Parkway/Northtown Bridge Project; and

That the 2010 Capital Improvement Appropriation be amended by adding an appropriation to the Public Works Capital Improvement Program Fund 4100-901-0938 BR110 in the amount of \$600,000;

That Revenue Source 4100-901-0938 Source 3215 be increase the by \$600,000 and authorize the expenditure of said funds for the project.