



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

Date: June 7, 2011

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

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

Subject: **Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Project (NTP) Grant Awards for Bicycle Sharing Project Expansion**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize City officials to accept two NTP federal grants for the Bicycle Sharing Project Expansion (\$1,043,000)
- b. Authorize City officials to amend the existing MnDOT agreement (#96013, C-27465) for these two NTP grants
- c. Authorize City officials to amend the existing Nice Ride Minnesota agreement (C-27786) for these two NTP grants
- d. Passage of the accompanying resolution increasing the Public Works – Transportation Agency appropriation in the Permanent Improvement Projects Fund (01300-9010000) by \$1,043,000 and increase the revenue source (01300-9010000 – Source 321012) by \$1,043,000
- e. Passage of the accompanying resolution requesting MnDOT be our agent to accept these federal grants

Previous Directives:

- January 18, 2011 – Submitted a statement to Transit for Livable Communities expressing the City's support for the Nice Ride Phase 2 Expansion Project as a top priority of the City
- January 14, 2010 – Authorized acceptance of the original NTP federal grant for bike sharing (\$1,750,000), and authorized the creation of the original agreements with MnDOT and Nice Ride Minnesota

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Approvals:	Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Not Applicable
	Policy review Group (PRG)	Not Applicable
	Civil Rights	Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Action is within current department budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: See information below
City Goals: Satisfies multi-modal transportation goals
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Summary and Schedule

Public Works and CPED seek authorization to advance the expansion of the Bicycle Sharing project by accepting two additional federal grants from the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program, and amending existing agreements with MnDOT and Nice Ride Minnesota (NRMN).

The first grant (S.P. 141-191-034) in the amount of \$43,000 was awarded in September of 2010, and was dedicated toward the expansion of bike sharing in North Minneapolis. This award supplements a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. This 8-station expansion was implemented in April of 2011.

The second grant (S.P. 141-191-035) in the amount of \$1,000,000 was awarded in February of 2011, and was awarded to further expand bike sharing system. This award will leverage \$920,000 in additional funding from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and several St. Paul entities for a Nice Ride expansion in neighboring areas of St. Paul. This 43-station expansion (23 in Minneapolis and 20 in St. Paul) is planned for implementation in June of 2011.

In the City's prior agreement with Nice Ride Minnesota, it was established that liability insurance would be carried by NRMN, and a federal grant repayment/recapture requirement would be included for NRMN to liquidate assets in the event that the Bike Sharing Project was unsuccessful. These same provisions as well as others will be carried forth from the original agreements to these agreement amendments.

Track Record & Community Engagement

Nice Ride Minnesota launched bike sharing in Minneapolis in June of 2010 with 700 bikes in 65 stations. Over 100,000 trips were taken on Nice Ride bikes during the 2010 season, which ran through November 7, 2010. This year's season began on April 8.

In order to plan for this year's expansion, NRMN hosted six planning workshops last winter in Minneapolis and St. Paul, each with an average of 35-40 people in attendance. Approximately 840 location recommendations were received. Since that time, NRMN has been working with permitting offices such as the Cultural Resources Unit of MnDOT and the Right-of-Way section of Minneapolis Public Works to pinpoint acceptable areas for expansion. When specific locations are proposed, NRMN staff will work with businesses and other neighbors to place new kiosks in mutually agreeable places and gain the necessary final installation permits and approvals.

Recommendation

Public Works and CPED seek authorization to accept these grants and to amend existing contracts with MnDOT and Nice Ride Minnesota (NRMN). Public Works and CPED also seeks passage of the accompanying resolutions.

Cc: Gary Winter, Robin Hennessey, Corey Conover, Larry Poppler

Attachment: Map of the Proposed Locations

Amending The 2011 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the PW-Transportation Capitol Agency in the Permanent Improvement Projects Fund (01300-9010000) by \$1,043,000 and increasing the revenue source (01300-9010000 – Source 321012) by \$1,043,000.

RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

Appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as agent of the City of Minneapolis and entering into an agreement to accept a grant for the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the City of Minneapolis to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation-related projects.

Be It Further Resolved that the proper City officers are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Minneapolis, to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation for the projects described as Bicycle Sharing; Expansion in North Minneapolis (SP 141-191-034) and Bicycle Sharing; Expansion in Minneapolis (SP 141-091-035).