



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

Date: March 23, 2010

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

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means

Subject: **Central Corridor LRT Project Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Master and Subordinate Funding Agreements and Increase Appropriation.**

Recommendation:

1. Authorize the proper City Officials to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement, including endorsement of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certifications and Assurances, with the Metropolitan Council for the Central Corridor LRT project.
2. Authorize the proper City Officials to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA 01) with the Metropolitan Council for City forces work associated with supplying traffic signal controller cabinets for the Central Corridor LRT Project Advanced Traffic Improvements.
3. Increase the appropriation and revenue for the Public Works - Traffic Capital Fund/Department (04100-9010943) Project CTCCLRTSG100 by \$191,461 to be reimbursed by the Metropolitan Council for the Central Corridor LRT project.

Previous Directives:

- July 21, 2009: Approve the Final EIS comments for the Central Corridor LRT project and direct the Public Works Department to submit the comments to the Met Council.
- August 22, 2008: Approve the SDEIS comments for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit project and recommend submittal of the SDEIS comments to the Met Council
- July 11, 2008 Authorize execution of a MOU defining the scope and commitment of Central Corridor Project mitigation issues.
- June 20, 2008: Approval of Preliminary Design Plans
- June 16, 2006: Resolution 2006R-342, Recommending Light Rail Transit for the Central Corridor.
- June 16, 2006: Approve summary comments and final detailed comments on the draft EIS regarding the Central Corridor Project

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval NA Date _____
Civil Rights Approval Approval NA Date _____
Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval NA_ Date _____

Financial Impact

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

Community Impact:

Neighborhood Notification: The Central Corridor Project Office is working regularly with the neighborhoods impacted by the project through a Community Advisory Committee, and a Business Advisory Committee, as well by holding various meetings with individual neighborhoods, residents and business groups.

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained, people will feel safe in the city.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES: Connected network of Transportation Options.

Comprehensive Plan: The Comprehensive Plan is being met.

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project is an 11-mile LRT line connecting downtown Minneapolis and Downtown St Paul. The project will involve the construction of LRT primarily within existing street rights-of-way along Washington Ave SE and University Ave SE. as well as sharing the existing tracks and stations used by the Hiawatha LRT in Downtown Minneapolis. The Central Corridor LRT is planned to begin service in 2014.

The first construction activities to occur in Minneapolis will be the Advanced Traffic Improvements in the vicinity of the East Bank of the University of Minnesota. These traffic improvements will add capacity to the transportation system in anticipation of the planned closure of Washington Ave SE for a Transit/Pedestrian Mall. This first phase of construction is scheduled to start in April of 2010 and be substantially completed in September of 2010.

Master Funding Agreement

In order to provide a mechanism for the transfer of Project funds to the City from the Met Council and for the transfer of City funds to the Met Council, a Master Funding Agreement has been prepared by the Met Council.

It is anticipated that the City will be involved in certain activities or will provide materials in connection with the Project and the Met Council will pass thru federal, state, CTIB or other local funds to the City for costs associated with such Project activities and/or materials. In addition, it is anticipated that the City may choose to provide partial funding for certain project components not included in the project budget through the transfer of City funds to the Met Council.

The Master Funding Agreement includes contractual provisions that address compliance with federal and state laws and regulations and outlines a process to enter into subsequent subordinate funding agreements that specify costs and scopes of work for any City participation in the project and the associated reimbursements.

Endorse FTA 2010 Certifications and Assurances

Federal FTA funding is subject to all applicable FTA federal requirements. The Certifications and Assurances form affirms that the City of Minneapolis agrees to comply with applicable federal funding provisions and requirements and is required to receive project funding from the Met Council.

Subordinate Funding Agreement 01

Subordinate Funding Agreement 01 provides for the City to furnish and install 5 traffic signal controllers for the Advanced Traffic Improvements project at an estimated cost of \$191,461 to be reimbursed by the Met Council with Project funds. Therefore an increase to the funding appropriation and revenue in the Public Works - Traffic Capital Fund/Department (04100/9010943) Project CTRCCLRTSG100 in the amount of \$191,461 is being requested for the Central Corridor LRT project.

Recommendation:

Public Works is requesting that the proper City officials be authorized to enter into and execute the Master Funding Agreement and Subordinate Funding Agreement 01 with the Metropolitan Council. The Director of Public Works is requested to be the authorized representative for the City for the purposes of signing the FTA 2010 Certifications and Assurances and any other documents necessary to qualify to receive project funding from the Met Council for the Central Corridor LRT project.

Attachments:

1. Master Funding Agreement (includes FTA Certifications and Assurances) *available electronically*
2. Subordinate Funding Agreement 01
3. Central Corridor LRT map
4. ATI map

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