



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

Date: September 25, 2007
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Budget Committee

**Subject: Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP)
Ambassador Program, Infrastructure, Operations, and Planning Awards**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize City officials to accept one NTP awarded federal grant for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Ambassador Program (\$900,000 over three years, S.P. 141-091-03, 141-091-10, 141-091-11)
- b. Authorize City officials to accept twenty-three NTP awarded federal grants for infrastructure, operations, and planning improvements (\$5,760,000)
- c. Authorize City officials to enter into respective agreements with MnDOT State Aid as needed to obtain such grant awards
- d. Passage of the accompanying resolution increasing the Public Works – Transportation Agency appropriation in the Permanent Improvement Projects Fund (0300-943-9480) by \$6,660,000 and increase the revenue source (0300-943-9480 – Source 3210) by \$6,660,000
- e. Passage of accompanying resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Transportation to be the City's agent to accept the federal aid funds.

Previous Directives:

- April 3, 2007 – Authorize acceptance of two NTP direct grant awards
- March 9, 2007 – Approved the city's ranking criteria for NTP applications
- February 13, 2007 – Project Status Update
- January 26, 2007 – Authorized Amendment #1 to grant agreements
- August 4, 2006 – Authorized original grant agreements and appropriations
- April 18, 2006 – Project Status Update

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X
Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

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

Background/Supporting Information

On May 25, 2007 Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) notified the City (see Attachment A) regarding an NTP grant award for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Ambassador Program. Likewise, on June 24, 2007 Transit for Livable Communities notified the City (see Attachment B) regarding twenty-three grant awards for infrastructure, operations, and planning improvements.

Public Works has met with TLC and MnDOT about these grant awards. Public Works seeks authorization to accept the grants and enter into the appropriate agreements with MnDOT State Aid. Grants were awarded as follows:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Ambassador Program Grant Award

- Year 1, \$285,000
- Year 2, \$300,000
- Year 3, \$315,000

Infrastructure Grant Awards

- LRT Trail Downtown Connection, \$800,000
- LRT Trail Roundabout, \$60,000
- Riverlake Greenway, \$400,000
- University of Minnesota Trail, \$2,500,000

Operations Grant Awards

- 1st/Blaisdell Avenues S, \$150,000
- 5th Street NE, \$50,000
- 7th Street/10th Avenue N, \$100,000
- 10th Avenue SE, \$100,000
- 14th/15th/16th Streets E and W, \$150,000
- 19th Avenue S, \$100,000
- 22nd Avenue NE, \$50,000

- 27th Avenue SE, \$100,000
- Bryant Avenue S, \$150,000
- Como Avenue SE, \$50,000
- Emerson/Fremont Avenues N, \$100,000
- Franklin Avenue E, \$50,000
- Glenwood Avenue, \$150,000
- Minnehaha/20th Avenues S, \$150,000
- Plymouth Avenue N/8th Avenue NE, \$150,000
- Riverside Avenue – Eastern Segment, \$150,000
- Riverside Avenue – Western Segment, \$150,000

Planning Grant Awards

- Central Avenue NE, \$50,000
- Hennepin Avenue, \$50,000

In order to fulfill the timeline laid out by Transit for Livable Communities, planning grant awards must be completed within twelve months of the date when MnDOT State Aid gives authorization to proceed. Likewise, operations grant awards must be completed within twenty-four months, and infrastructure grant awards must be completed within thirty-six months. Each of these projects will include a public process component as they are developed.

Resolution

Amending the 2007 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 Capital Agency in the Permanent Improvement Projects Fund (0300-943-9480) by \$6,660,000 and increase the revenue source.