



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

Date: July 7, 2009

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) - Southern Bike Connection & Pedestrian Enhancements Grant Awards**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize City officials to accept NTP federal grants for the Southern Bike Connection (\$400,000) and 7th Street N/5th Street NE Pedestrian Enhancements (\$350,000)
- b. Authorize City officials to enter into respective agreements with MnDOT for these NTP grants
- c. Passage of the accompanying resolution increasing the Public Works – Transportation Agency appropriation in the Permanent Improvement Projects Fund (01300-9010000) by \$750,000 and increase the revenue source (01300-9010000 – Source 321012) by \$750,000
- d. Passage of the accompanying resolution requesting MnDOT be our agent to accept the federal grant

Previous Directives:

- January 13, 2009 – Directed Public Works to further develop and discuss City of Minneapolis NTP high priority projects for NTP Round 3
- December 8, 2008 – Authorized acceptance of one NTP Round 2 grant award
- April 8, 2008 – Authorized submittal of eighteen applications for NTP Round 2
- September 25, 2007 – Authorized acceptance of twenty-four NTP Round 1 grant awards
- April 3, 2007 – Authorized submittal of forty-two applications for NTP Round 1
- April 3, 2007 – Authorized acceptance of two NTP direct grant awards

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Approved by:

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	NA
Civil Rights	NA
Policy review Group (PRG)	NA

Financial Impact

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

NTP Round 3 Awards

On March 17, 2009, Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) notified the City (see Attachment A) of two additional Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP) grants. The first was for the Southern Bike Connection in the amount of \$400,000 and the second was for Pedestrian Enhancements along 5th Street NE and 7th Street N in the amount of \$350,000.

The purpose of the Southern Bike Connection is to better accommodate bicyclists on a north/south corridor through South Minneapolis, from 24th Street on the north to the Bloomington Avenue Bridge over Highway 62 on the south. The 2 options of Bloomington Avenue and 17th/18th Avenues will be examined for feasibility. Other connecting streets will be determined through this project.

The purpose of the Pedestrian Enhancements Project is to better accommodate pedestrians on the 5th Street NE (between 2nd Avenue SE and 26th Avenue NE) and 7th Street N (between Hennepin and Plymouth Avenues) corridors. Currently these streets have many needs for pedestrian improvements, including long and/or low visibility crosswalks, traffic signal upgrades, pedestrian scale street lighting, and improved street furniture.

These projects were submitted to TLC as part of the Round 3 NTP solicitation. Public Works continues to work with TLC to obtain funds for the City's remaining high priority NTP projects.

Public Works seeks authorization to accept both grants and to enter into the appropriate MnDOT agreements. Public Works also seeks passage of the accompanying resolutions. Project memos will be submitted and approved in order to start the preliminary engineering on these projects.

Amending The 2008 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 \$750,000 and increasing the revenue source (01300-9010000 – Source 321012) by \$750,000.

RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

Appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as agent of the City of Minneapolis and entering into an agreement to accept grants 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 projects described as Southern Bike Connection (SP 141-090-35 & 141-090-36) and Pedestrian Enhancements at 5th Street NE and 7th Street N (SP 141-070-16 & 141-070-17).