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

Date: November 9, 2006

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

Subject: **Cedar Lake Trail Phase 3**

Recommendation:

a. Authorize the execution of a Metropolitan Council Grant Agreement (Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-145) in the amount of $1,800,000 between the Metropolitan Council and City of Minneapolis for the completion of the Cedar Lake Trail pending satisfactory review by the proper City officials.
b. Upon the execution of Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-145, authorize the proper City officials to accept the funds and amend the 2006 Capital Budget Appropriation by increasing PW Transportation Capital Agency in State Grants Fund (0600-943-9480) to reimburse Cedar Lake Trail Phase 3, and increase the revenue in State Grant Fund (0600-943-9480 Source 3215) by $1,800,000; and
c. Amend the 2006 Capital Improvement Appropriation by increasing the appropriation for the Public Works Capital Improvement Program Fund 4100-943-9470 BIK01 by $1,800,000, increase the revenue source 4100-943-9470 Source 3215 by $1,800,000, and authorize the expenditure of said funds.

Previous Directives:

- December 19, 2005: Resolution 2005R-658 and 2005R-661, appropriation for 2006 and request for issuance and sale of net debt bonds for the Cedar Lake Bike Phase 3 Project in the amount of $583,000, 4100-943-9470 BIK01
- February 11, 2005: Resolution 2005R-075, supporting the completion of the Cedar Lake Bike Trail to the Mississippi River
- December 13, 2004: Resolution 2004R-580, appropriation for 2005 in the amount of $2,160,000 in federal TEA-21 funds for the Cedar Lake Bike Trail Phase 3 Project, 4100 943 9470 BIK01
- September 28, 2001: Authorizing the expenditure of $40,000 from the Commuter Bike Fund System (4100-943-9470 - Project A7002990) for a temporary Cedar Lake Trail Phase III alignment and bike lanes
- August 24, 2001: Authorize application for federal TEA-21 funds of $2,160,000 for Cedar Lake Bike Trail Phase 3
- April 6, 2001: Resolution 2001R-147, appropriation for 2001in the amount of $300,000 for the Cedar lake Bike Trail from the Federal Reserve Bank Project Tax Increment Financing District for off-site public improvements, 4100-943-9464
- March 2, 2001: Direct Public Works to develop a temporary bike route plan for Cedar Lake Trail Phase 3 due to construction delays caused by other projects in the area

- December 17, 1999: Authorization to enter into two easement agreements for the Cedar Lake Bike Trail Phase 3

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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)
_X_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
_X_ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
_X_ Business Plan: _X_ 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:
City Goals:
Comprehensive Plan:
Zoning Code:

Background/Supporting Information

The Cedar Lake Trail Phase 3, from Royalston Avenue to West River Parkway, has been a gap in the trail system since the completion of Phases 1 and 2 in 1995. In 2001 the City of Minneapolis secured $2.16 million in federal TEA-21 funding to help complete this link. The City of Minneapolis programmed approximately $0.58 million for design and construction engineering and construction matching funds.

The Cedar Lake Parkway Association, wishing to ensure the project's success, sought and received assistance from Congressman Sabo for additional federal funds. Their efforts were successful and in 2005 Congress allocated an additional $3 million for the project. Appropriation of the $3 million will be a future Council action.

This additional federal funding also required a significant local match. The City requested that the state provide the project $1.8 million for local match as part of their 2006 Bonding bill. The Minnesota legislature approved this funding, which is now available and is the subject of this Council action.

Design for Cedar Lake Trail Phase 3 was scheduled to be complete September 2006. However, because of the impact of the Twins Ballpark and Northstar Commuter Rail projects to the trail's alignment, Public Works sought and received from the Metropolitan Council a one year sunset extension for the original federal TEA-21 funding.

The Cedar Lake Trail Phase 3 project is deemed to be on schedule at this time. Public Works is currently working with the Twins Ballpark to determine how to properly integrate the two projects, and is scheduled to return to the Metropolitan Council early in 2006 with an update on the integration of the two projects. We anticipate that the construction schedule for the trail will be determined by that time.