



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

Date: October 20, 2009
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways and Means Budget Committee
Subject: **Existing Bus Shelter Franchise – Interim Extension Agreement**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize proper City officers to enter into an interim agreement with CBS Outdoor from November 9, 2009 to April 1, 2010 that provides for the continuance of provisions as stated in the current bus shelter franchise, Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Appendix G – Bus Stop Shelter Franchise.

Previous Directives:

- March 27, 2009 -- proper City officers be authorized to negotiate with CBS Outdoor to extend the existing bus shelter franchise agreement beyond the November 9, 2009 expiration date

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Reviews:

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval	NA	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	NA	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	NA	Date

Financial Impact

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable.

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

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Existing Conditions

The city has contracted and permitted with private entities to provide shelters and bus benches since approximately 1979. The existing transit shelter provisions are scheduled to terminate on November 8, 2009 for approximately 230 transit shelters.

Coordinated Street Furniture Program

On March 27, 2009 the City Council took the following actions related to the Coordinated Street Furniture (CSF) Program:

- rejected all proposals and ended the CSF efforts;
- authorized staff to negotiate with CBS Outdoor to extend the franchise agreement, and
- directed actions for the Marquette and 2nd Avenue transit shelters.

Extension of Bus Shelter Franchise

CBS Outdoor and Public Works have been making progress regarding the extension of the franchise agreement. However, at this time, we have not completed our efforts. The three key steps remaining are:

- a) finalize the operation and maintenance service levels
- b) create the necessary extension agreement with the City Attorney's office, and
- c) obtain the necessary City of Minneapolis and CBS Outdoor approvals/signatures.

To accomplish these items, a five-month interim extension is needed such that transit shelter service is not interrupted. Therefore, Public Works, in concurrence with CBS Outdoor, is recommending an interim agreement from November 9, 2009 (expiration of the current bus shelter franchise agreement) to April 1, 2010. This interim agreement would continue the current provisions in the franchise agreement.

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