



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

Date: April 3, 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)
Solicitation Submittal (First Round)**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize Public Works to submit pedestrian and bicycle projects (Attachment A) to Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) for the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Project (NTP) first round solicitation

Previous Directives:

March 9, 2007 City Council – Approved the city’s ranking criteria for NTP applications
February 13, 2007 T&PW Receive & File – Project Status Update
January 26, 2007 City Council – Authorized Amendment #1 to grant agreements
August 4, 2006 City Council – Authorized original grant agreements and appropriations
April 18, 2006 T&PW Receive & File – 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: X Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): *The NTP projects selected will result in increases needed for the respective operating budgets. After the City learns*

about which projects are selected, Public Works will bring forth the appropriate operating and capital budget appropriations needed.

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

Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) recently released its 2007 NTP solicitation for applications that are focused on improving bicycle and pedestrian mode share. Applications are due April 10 as noted in the timeline below which was previously shared with the City Council and the public.

February 14, 2007 11am-12:00 220 City Hall	Internal City Coordination Meeting for all city department representatives to learn more about this funding source and to have any questions answered
February 21, 2007 1:30pm-3:30pm Sumner Library	TLC Kick-off Meeting for all agency partners and the public
February 21, 2007 4pm-8pm 220 City Hall	Public Open House for the public to recommend projects and initiatives if they have not done so already. Staff is encouraged to attend from various departments as well as BAC and PAC members.
February 28, 2007	All public and neighborhood comments due to Public Work resulting a comprehensive list of potential solicitation projects
March 7, 2007 10am-11:30am 220 City Hall	BAC Meeting for review and comment on the solicitation projects
March 8, 2007 3PM-4:30PM 220 City Hall	PAC Meeting for review and comment on the solicitation projects
April 3, 2007	T&PW Committee -- Public Works will submit the requested action.
April 9, 2007	W&MB Committee
April 13, 2007	City Council approval
April 10, 2007	Applications due at Transit for Livable Communities (626 Selby Ave Saint Paul, MN 55104) by Noon

A balance of bicycle and pedestrian projects/funding will be sought between the two planned NTP solicitations. An effort will be made to ensure that the best possible projects will be submitted for both bicycles and pedestrians. The City of Minneapolis will provide letters of support to adjacent communities and regional partners for proposals that can demonstrate benefit to the City of Minneapolis.

NTP Solicitation Criteria used by the BAC and PAC to rank projects

In order to ensure fairness, striving for a citywide system approach, and to focus on projects suitable for the NTP program, criteria were developed by Public Works to help the BAC and PAC with reviewing the proposed projects, ranking the projects and advising the City on this solicitation submittal. The ranking criteria are described in the COTW Memo dated March 6, 2007 (Attachment B).

The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee met on March 7, 2007 to review and rank 64 potential projects based upon the criteria provided, including some Park Board and Hennepin County projects. The City's new Pedestrian Advisory Committee met for the first time on March 8, 2007 and reviewed and ranked the 11 potential pedestrian projects based upon the criteria provided, including two Park Board projects.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects for the NTP First Round Solicitation

TLC through its first round solicitation has requested NTP pedestrian and bicycle projects. TLC allocated \$7.3 million in this first NTP Solicitation split among three project types: \$300,000 for planning projects, \$5 million for infrastructure projects and \$2 million for operations projects.

Overall, the City of Minneapolis will submit project applications totaling \$16,600,000 among three project types:

- Planning Projects = 6 projects totaling \$300,000
- Infrastructure Projects = 8 projects totaling \$12,975,000
- Operations Projects = 28 projects totaling \$3,325,000

Public Works understands that Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Hennepin County are expected to submit other projects. Those projects that are anticipated to be submitted by others are listed at the bottom of Attachment A. The City does not expect a funding role in operating or maintaining these Park Board or County projects.

The pedestrian and bicycle project types are summarized below. It should be noted that there is a purposeful imbalance between the pedestrian and bicycle projects. This is due to the fact that TLC awarded NTP funding for a Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan. Public Works expects that this planning effort will identify pedestrian projects to be submitted in the NTP second round solicitation either later this year or early 2008.

A summary of the pedestrian and bicycle projects are as follows:

Pedestrian Projects

- Planning Projects = 2 projects totaling \$100,000
- Infrastructure Projects = 3 projects totaling \$4,775,000
- Operations Projects = 3 projects totaling \$425,000

Bicycle Projects

- Planning Projects = 4 projects totaling \$200,000
- Infrastructure Projects = 5 projects totaling \$8,200,000
- Operations Projects = 25 projects totaling \$2,900,000

More detailed project descriptions and the ranking criteria will be summarized at the April 3, 2007 T&PW Committee Meeting.

Cc: Mayor and City Council Members

Attachments:

- A – NTP Solicitation Projects dated March 23, 2007
- B – COTW Memo on NTP Solicitation Ranking Criteria dated March 6, 2007