



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

**Date:** June 2, 2009

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Approval of final plans for 13<sup>th</sup> Street S Pedestrian Gateway, and Direction to issues plans and specifications for bids.**

### Recommendation:

- a. Approve the final project plans of 13<sup>th</sup> Street South Pedestrian Gateway from Nicollet Mall to the intersection of Grant St and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S along 13<sup>th</sup> St South right of way.
- b. Authorize the issuance of the plans for public bidding.

### Previous Directives:

- February 6, 2009: Council approved project layout dated August 5, 2008; the authorization to accept a Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund Grant and passage of accompanying resolution to increase the appropriation by the amount of the grant; transferring \$230,000 from budget to the General Fund; that Public Works staff return to Committee upon project completion and adjust other revenue sources, including net debt bond and sales tax revenue, to reflect the federal funding that will be available to replace these revenue sources.
- December 12, 2007: Council approved Capital budget Project # PV045 (transfer from Convention Center)
- June 29, 2007 : Council approval of Downtown Action Plan
- December 11, 2006: Council approved Capital Budget PV045 NDB & GF transfer

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### Approved by:

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### Reviews

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

### Financial Impact

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**

This project was developed as part of The Downtown Action Plan, which was approved by City Council on June 29, 2007. This project is listed in the Pedestrian Network section and the Transit Network section under Intra-Downtown Circulation service. The project is proposed to improve the street-level pedestrian connection along 13th Street from Nicollet Mall to the Convention Center.

The project will provide an improved pedestrian connection on 13<sup>th</sup> St S from Nicollet Mall to the Convention Center. The purpose of the project is to provide a strong, safe, highly visible pedestrian connection between the Convention Center, Nicollet Mall, the Loring Greenway, Eat Street and nearby downtown neighborhoods and businesses. We will be adding signage, wayfinding, and streetscape as shown on the attached plans to connect Nicollet Mall and the Convention Center. The proposed layout includes placement of new sidewalk, green elements, and alignment shifts within the pedestrian zone. The proposed plans will not adjust the geometry of the street or change vehicular traffic flow.

Public Works has coordinated the development of the proposed project layout with affected property owners, businesses, neighborhood associations, and other interested stakeholders at three public meetings. Public works has also met independently with three stakeholder groups: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Nicollet Mall Advisory Board, and the Convention Center.

Staff is requesting final plan approval from Council in order to proceed with the project.

## **Schedule**

Construction of the project is currently scheduled to begin in 2009, depending on final authorization, bidding, and contracting process. The grant funding has been moved to Mn/DOT 2009 fiscal year, which requires an authorization to proceed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Upon receiving the authorization to proceed from the State, the project must be let within 90 days and construction started within nine months.

## **Oversight**

Mn/DOT requirements for bidding and construction are required for this project. We will be coordinating with City of Minneapolis Civil Rights to determine the appropriate oversight mechanisms and processes for this project.

## **Cost Estimate**

The engineer estimate for the construction is \$903,000. The engineers estimate is within the project authorized budget.

## **Maintenance**

A special service district will not be established to maintain the streetscape elements. Maintenance will be provided through a cooperative effort from adjacent property owners and established organizations that already provide maintenance to the streetscape elements. The agreement will be formalized by use of encroachment permits, maintenance agreements / memos of understandings, and existing City of Minneapolis Ordinances.

Cc: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7