

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

Date: May 15, 2007

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

Subject: Access Minneapolis – Transportation Action Plan Study

Consultant Contract Amendment

Recommendation:

a. Authorize city officers to execute Amendment No. 3 to Contract C-21804 with Iteris, Inc. (dba Meyer, Mohaddes Associates) increasing the contract by \$104,000 for a revised contract total of \$1,047,000 to allow for additional analysis and public outreach. No additional appropriation required.

Previous Directives:

- April 2, 2004 Resolution 2004R-139 Appropriated \$300,000 for citywide transportation planning
- June 8, 2005 TPW received and filed study goals and timelines
- November 5, 2004 Authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals to solicit consultant proposals for the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan
- November 5, 2004 Authorized entering into interagency agreements with Hennepin County and Metropolitan Council regarding funding participation
- March 18, 2005 Approved consultant selection and authorized execution of contract
- March 18, 2005 Authorized entering into interagency agreement with Mn/DOT regarding funding participation
- December 23, 2005 Approved undertaking a study of the feasibility of the use of streetcars to operate transit service on some of the primary transit corridors with the City of Minneapolis
- February 24, 2006 Approved amendment of consultant contract C-21804 to include the streetcar study and appropriate \$300,000 to pay for said amendment
- November 3, 2006 Approved amendment #2 to the consultant contract C-21804 increasing the total contract from \$850,000 to \$943,000 for additional traffic analysis and public outreach
- December 22, 2006 Approved contract extension with three partner agencies for funding reimbursement to 12/31/2007.
- March 20, 2007 TPW received and filed draft Downtown Action Plan
- April 13, 2007 Resolution 2007R-187 appropriated \$247,000 to Action Plan

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Presenters: Charleen Zimmer, Project Manager

| Policy Review Group (PRG |) Approval Not ApplicableX |
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| Financial Impact of | |
| Financial Impact (Check the | **** |
| • | Action is within current department budget. to Background/Supporting Information) |
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| • | ed revenue for appropriation increase |
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| Other financial impact (Ex | explain): |
| Request provided to the B | Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator |

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Not Applicable

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Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Outreach & Steering Committee meetings, newsletters and web site, numerous presentations and meetings with downtown business stakeholders, business organizations and neighborhood associations.

City Goals: Transportation and livability related goals are being met

Comprehensive Plan: Integrating with comp plan

Zoning Code: Not applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)

Significant additional work has been required by the Meyer Mohaddes Associates and S.E.H. consultant team to address questions raised by the Project Steering Committee and downtown business stakeholders related to one-way vs. two-way traffic operations on Hennepin and 1st Avenue South, the traffic impact of the proposed transit lanes on 2nd and Marquette Avenues and east-west (8th Street) transit corridor, and the impact of transit lanes on parking ramp access and egress. Additional traffic modeling and development of a computerized traffic simulation were required. In addition, the consultant team has been required to spend more time than originally anticipated to complete the citywide needs assessment which is currently underway. The consultant team has also been asked to attend a larger number of Project Management Team (PMT), Project Steering Committee (PSC), and staff meetings to address these issues. The consultant split of the \$104,000 cost is as follows: Meyers Mohaddes \$50,455 and S.E.H. \$53,545. Adequate funding was appropriated in Resolution 2007R-187.

There are four components to the Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan. The Downtown Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan will be presented soon to the Transportation and Public Works Committee for approval. The citywide ten-year action plan and the proposed new design guidelines are in draft report stage and are being reviewed by city staff, the PMT and PSC. Phase III of the streetcar feasibility study has been completed and a draft final report is expected to be reviewed by the PSC in July. Additional information about the project is posted on the Minneapolis web-site at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/trans-plan/.