



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

Date: May 20, 2008

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

Subject: **Central Corridor LRT Project Update**

Recommendation:

Receive and File

Previous Directives:

- June 16, 2006: Resolution 2006R-342, Recommending Light Rail Transit for the Central Corridor.
- June 16, 2006: Approve summary comments and final detailed comments on the draft EIS regarding the Central Corridor Project.

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Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Kelly Moriarity, P.E., Project Manager, Transportation Planning and Engineering
Richard Rovang, Deputy Project Director, Central Corridor LRT Project

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 (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: 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: The Central Corridor Project Office is working regularly with the neighborhoods impacted by the project through a Community Advisory Committee, and a Business Advisory Committee, as well by holding various meetings with individual neighborhoods, residents and business groups.

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

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES: Connected network of Transportation Options.

Comprehensive Plan: The Comprehensive Plan is being met.

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Central Corridor LRT project has recently submitted preliminary design plans to the City of Minneapolis for local approval pursuant to Mn Statute 473.3994. According to the statute, the City is required to hold a Public Hearing on these preliminary design plans.

In preparation for the upcoming Public Hearing, Rich Rovang, Deputy Director for the Central Corridor LRT project is here today to provide the committee with an update on the status of the Central Corridor project and an overview of the local approval process. Information will also be provided about what issues are still outstanding at this point in the design process and how the Central Corridor Project will continue to work with the City to resolve these issues as the project progresses from preliminary design into final design and construction.

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