



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

Date: March 20, 2007

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

Subject: Access Minneapolis - Transportation Action Plan Study Status Update for
Downtown Action Plan

Recommendation: Receive and file

Previous Directives:

- April 2, 2004 Resolution 2004R-139 – Appropriated \$300,000 for citywide transportation planning
- June 22, 2004 – 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 partners agencies for funding reimbursement to 12/31/2007.

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Presenters: Charleen Zimmer, Project Manager

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)
Policy Review Group (PRG)

Approval _____ Not Applicable X
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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

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Outreach & Steering Committee meetings, newsletters and web site

City Goals: Transportation and livability related goals are being met

Comprehensive Plan: Integrating with comp plan

Zoning Code: Not applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

The Access Minneapolis – 10 Year Transportation Action Plan will be completed in 2007.

Access Minneapolis will be documented into four components: (a) Downtown Action Plan, (b) Citywide Action Plan, (c) Design Guidelines, and (d) Streetcar Feasibility Study.

Thus over the next number of months each component will be brought before the public for review, input and comment. As part of this public process, Public Works intends to bring each component to the Transportation & Public Works Committee as a Receive & File item near the beginning of the public review period. Public Works will later return for City Council approvals of the components.

The Downtown Action Plan component is now at a state where Public Works believes that broader public input is desired. A draft Downtown Action Plan report is being prepared that will be summarized at the March 20 meeting. The draft will be posted on the Minneapolis website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/trans-plan/> under the project documents section. An electronic copy will be provided to the Transportation & Public Works Committee prior to the March 20 meeting.

Cc: Mayor and Council Members