

Public Works Downtown Service Levels

2008 service level descriptions and estimated costs

The following are general descriptions of services currently performed by the Public Works Department within the downtown loop area. Estimates of expenditures are rough approximations, for discussion and illustrative purposes only. These are operating and maintenance expenditures. Capital expenditures, Nicollet Mall Pedestrian Mall, and Hennepin Theater Special Service District not included here. The definition of "downtown" is vague and the exact boundaries used to make these estimates are not consistent, and are likely slightly larger than the proposed DID area. (That level of expenditure detail is not possible.) Therefore, these estimates may be slightly overstated.

Any changes to these activities and respective levels of service would be addressed as described in the City Services Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) document.

These expenditure estimates do not reflect the variety of budgetary funding and revenue sources that support these services.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL EXPENDITURES	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE PERIOD	FREQUENCY	COMMENTS
\$430,000	<u>Downtown Street Sweeping:</u>			
	All streets swept with No-Parking enforcement	April - May	Once	Approx 8 blocks per night w/ tag and tow
	Entertainment District	April - November	Nightly	Sweeping done around parked cars
	All other downtown streets	April - November	Weekly	Sweeping done around parked cars
	Miscellaneous night sweeping in winter	December - March	Weather permitting	Sweeping done around parked cars
\$200,000	<u>Snow and Ice Control:</u>			
	Plow snow to curb w/ ice control as needed	October - April	As needed	
	Plow and treat public alleys	October - April	As needed	
	Clear snow at street corners	October - April	As needed	
	Open plowed snow windrow at bus stops	October - April	As needed	
	Sentence-to-Service crews shovel snow at bus stops	October - April	As needed	Dependent upon availability of crews.
	Removal of snow at Target Center	October - April	As needed	Per development agreement
\$130,000	<u>Street and Alley Pavement Repair:</u>			
	Routine patch and repair	April - November	As needed	Does not include utility cut restoration
				Does not include capital renovation or reconstruction

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\$5,000	Sidewalks:			
	Sidewalk condemnation and ordinance enforcement	Year round	As needed	This is just the cost and activity of permitting and enforcement. Cost covered by permit fees. Actual sidewalk work and maintenance paid by abutting property owners.
\$55,000 * see note	Special Event Support:			
	Aquatennial events/parades; other parades/races etc.*	March - November	As needed	2005 Council directive to PW and Downtown Council to work toward lowering the cost to the City for Aquatennial support.
	* PW Aquatennial costs only. Also see separate list of Downtown Events (Page 5 of 5)			
\$280,000	Malls and Plazas:			
	Maintain Malls, Plazas and other miscellaneous areas: Peavy Plaza/ Loring Greenway and various public spaces, medians, etc.			Cleaning, sweeping, electrical and structural repairs maintenance and needed. Use permitting.
\$3,000	Graffiti abatement on Public property;			
	Poles, cabinets, misc. structures and surfaces, etc.		As needed	
For information only. Expenditures not researched	Boulevard/Sidewalk Tree Maintenance:			
	Park Board Forestry Department maintains the public portion of the downtown "urban forest." Includes the sidewalk and boulevard trees.	April - November	As needed	Tree replacement and pruning. Level of service and frequency completely at discretion of MPRB Forestry.
\$37,000	Trash collection from Downtown Bus Shelters:			
	100 containers	Year round	2.5 times/week	PW has experienced \$1,000 to \$45,000 in annual costs to replace damaged or stolen containers.
\$90,000	Litter Containers:			
	230 containers	Year round	1.5 times/week *	\$170,000 initial capital cost for containers. *Frequency of service set by Mayor/Council, with commitments by DT Council and business owners for collaborative servicing.

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\$525,000	Traffic Signals:			
	Electricity	Year round	As needed	
	Lamp Replacement	Year round	As needed	
	Accident Repair	Year round	As needed	
	Controller Inspection	Year round	As needed	
	Central Computer Operation	Year round	As needed	
	Interconnect system maint.	Year round	As needed	
	Signal timing evaluations	Year round	As needed	
	Emergency vehicle priority	Year round	As needed	
	Bus priority	Year round	As needed	
	Event signal timing	Year round	As needed	
	SCOOT system	Year round	As needed	video detection
	Red Light Running cameras	Year round	As needed	assistance to Police
\$500,000	Street Lighting:			
	Lamp replacement	Year round	As needed	
	Pole replacement	Spring to Summer	As needed	
	Electricity	Year round	Year round	
	Electical service upgrades	Spring to Summer	As funding allows	Convert from flat rate to metered service
	Underground wiring replacement	Spring to Summer	As needed	
	Underground wire locating	Year round	Daily	
	As-builts & auditing	Year round	As needed	
\$80,000	Signage:			
	Replace signs	Spring to Summer	As needed	No systematic replacement established yet
	Install/Remove for construction	Spring to Summer	As needed	Roadway construction, developments, detours
	Post paper No Parking signs and some barricades	Year round	As needed	See events list, lane closure, developments
	Install/Remove for new or changed zones	Spring to Summer	As needed	Valet, loading, disability, bus stops, vanpools, etc

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\$50,000	Traffic (Pavement) Markings:			
	Paint crosswalks & stop bars	Spring to Summer	Once a year	
	Convention Center crosswalks	Spring to Summer	Once a year	
	Pavement Messages - bus, turns, bikes	Spring to Summer	Less than once a year	
	Travel lane lines	Spring to Summer	Once a year	Convert from flat rate to metered service
	Marking tabs for street seal coating	Spring to Summer	As needed	
\$550,000	On-Street Parking Meter Maintenance:			
	Collection of coin		2 - 3 times per week	Unless snow emergency declared
	Enforcement of parking regulations	Year round	Approx 55,000 tkts/yr	
	Repair defective meters, remove graffiti	Year round	20 calls/day	
	Replace batteries, Lube Locks	Spring and Fall	2 times per yr	
	Replace glass/labels/decals	Year round	Every 5 years	or as need arises due to vandalism
	Hood Meters for special requests	Year round	Avg 10 meters/day	Higher in summer during construction
	Remove and Install meters	Year round	Avg 100 meters/yr	Based on parking needs and construction needs
Adjust Rates/Time limits	Year round	As approved	30% of system reviewed annually	
\$800,000	Towing and Impound Operations:			
	Enforcement of towable offenses	Year round	Approx 15,000 tkts/yr	Rush hour, special zones, No park/stop, etc
	Order Tows-contracted	Year round	100/day	1 contractor for downtown-Schmit
	Process vehicles into impound lot	Year round	50/day	
	Release vehicles to owners	Year round	50/day	
	Auction abandoned vehicles	Year round	200/month	Junk and public auctions twice per month
\$680,000	Miscellaneous Activities:			
	Private costruction support (One-Call, Construction inspection, design, as-builts, meter hooding)	Year round	As needed	
	Lane use permitting and control.	Year round	As needed	
	Misc. field operations for traffic infrastructure.	Year round	As needed	
	Parking validation program.	Year round	As needed	
	Traffic counts.	Year round	As needed	
	Variable message signs.	Year round	As needed	
	Pole banner ordinance.	Year round	As needed	
	Bicycle rack and locker program.	Year round	As needed	
\$4,415,000	Total estimated expenditures			

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Typical Public Works support services for various Downtown Events

Compiled February 2006

Event Type	Date	Event Name	Location	Pre-event Planning	Meter Hoarding	Street Postings	Post Event Wrap Up	PW	
								Traffic Crews Working	Post Event Cleaning
Block Party	4-Jun	City of Minneapolis/Mosaic	Downtown	x	x	x	x		
Block Party	10-Jun	Downtown Council/Great River Energy Bike Race	Downtown		x	x	x	x	
Block Party	8-July to 9-July	Basilica Block Party	Downtown	x	x	x			
Block Party	15-Jul	Downtown Council/Aquatennial Block Party	Downtown	x	x	x	x	x	x
Block Party	23-Sep	Target Center/Basketball Dribble	Downtown	x	x	x			
Race	28th-April	Twin City Marathon Committee 1 Mile	Downtown	x	x	x	x		
Race/Block Party	10-June	Great River Energy Bicycle Race	Downtown	x	x	x	x	x	
Parade	26-June	GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Trans-gender) Parade	Downtown	x	x	x			x *
Race	20-July	Lifetime Fitness Torchlight Aquatennial Run	Downtown	x	x	x	x	x	
Parade	20-July	Aquatennial Torchlight Parade	Downtown	x	x	x	x	x	x
Race/Block Party	7-August	Minnesota Lynx Great Basketball Dribble	Downtown	x	x	x			
Race	10-September	James Page 5K Blubber Run	Downtown	x	x	x	x		
Race	2-October	Twin Cities Marathon	Downtown/Parkways	x	x	x	x		
Race	2-October	Twin Cities 10K	Downtown/Parkways	x	x	x	x		
Race	24-November	Northwest Athletic Club 5K	Downtown	x	x	x			

See MPD Service Descriptions for traffic enforcement services

* Costs billed to event organizers