



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

Date: February 24th, 2009

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

Referral: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Northstar Corridor/LRT Extension Signal Controller Work**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize the proper City Officers to execute an agreement to accept funds from the Contractor Mtec Electric Inc. (04100-9010000-322502-CTR916) to be used to do the Northstar Corridor/LRT Extension Signal Controller work.
- b. Appropriate \$289,000 (04100-9010000-CTR916) and approve expenditure of funds for the work on Northstar Corridor/LRT Extension Signal Controller.

Previous Directives:

- February 25, 2008 - Authorize city officials to amend the construction agreement between the City of Minneapolis and MnDOT to be reimbursed for temporary signal work at the intersection of 5th Street North and 1st Avenue North
- September 1, 2006 – Authorize proper city officials to finalize an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to reimburse the City of Minneapolis for project construction work.
- September 1, 2006 – Authorize proper city officials to amend the construction agreement between the City of Minneapolis and MnDOT to redesign sewer and water utility locations.
- May 12, 2006 – Authorize proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) to reimburse the City of Minneapolis for project design work and construction work relating to utility relocation.

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Approved by:

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

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Transportation Planning and Engineering

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)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Movement: Minneapolis will continue to aggressively pursue transit improvements in corridors which serve major transit origins and destinations, with the eventual goal of a region wide rail system, including Light Rail Transit (LRT) and commuter rail.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Hiawatha LRT line is currently being extended along 5th Street North from 1st Avenue North to 6th Avenue North as part of the Northstar Corridor project. Much of the concrete and track work was finished in 2008, however, there is still signal work left to complete. Corridor construction is expected to be finished by late fall 2009.

Contractors for this project are required to install signal controllers furnished by Minneapolis Public Works. The value of these controllers is \$289,000 and the cost will be reimbursed by the Northstar Project.

Cc: Bryan Dodds – Northstar Project Office
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