



**Request for City Council Committee Action
from the Department of
Community Planning and Economic Development**

Date: April 17, 2007
To: Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, Transportation and Public Works Committee
Referral to: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee
Subject: **2007 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Applications for Projects located within the City of Minneapolis**

Recommendation:

1) Adopt the multi-jurisdictional program approval resolution for the submission of ten applications to the 2007 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program for projects located within the City of Minneapolis, and

2) Approve City of Minneapolis priority rankings for 2007 TOD project proposals and direct staff to submit advisory rankings to the Hennepin County Department of Housing, Community Works and Transit.

- 1.(tie) Metro Plains, Minnehaha Avenue Apartments
- 1.(tie) Powderhorn Residents Group (PRG), Spirit on Lake Cooperative
3. Sherman Associates, 333
- 4.(tie) Fine Associates, Currie Park Lofts, Phase 1
- 4.(tie) Hope Community & Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT), Franklin Portland Gateway, Phase 4
- 4.(tie) Capital Growth Real Estate, Longfellow Station, Phase 1
7. Northeast CDC, Jackson Street NE Artist Housing
8. Urban Homeworks, Inc., The Jubilee
9. Asian Media Access, Ramen Ya Multi Arts Complex
10. East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC), Greenway Townhomes

Previous Directives:

In 2004, 2005 and 2006 the City Council approved resolutions and rankings for applications submitted to the Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development Program for projects located in Minneapolis.

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Financial Impact:

- No financial impact.

Community Impact:

- Neighborhood Notification – Not applicable.
- City Goals – A safe place to call home, One Minneapolis, Connected communities, Enriched environment, Premier destination.
- Sustainability Targets – Affordable housing units – increases number of affordable rental units, downtown transportation mode split – increases number of housing units along Hennepin County Transit Corridors.
- Comprehensive Plan – Section 4.1: Minneapolis will encourage reinvestment along major urban corridors as a way of promoting growth in all neighborhoods; Section 4.9: Minneapolis will grow by increasing its supply of housing; Section 4.10: Minneapolis will increase its housing that is affordable to low and moderate income households; Section 4.11: Minneapolis will improve the availability of housing options for its residents; Section 4.15: Minneapolis will carefully identify project sites where housing development or housing revitalization are the appropriate responses to neighborhood conditions and market demand; Section 4.17: Minneapolis will promote housing development that supports a variety of housing types at designated Major Housing Sites throughout the City; Section 4.18: Minneapolis will encourage both a density and mix of land uses in Transit Station Areas that both support ridership for transit as well as benefit from its users; and Section 4.19: Minneapolis will require design standards for Transit Station Areas that are oriented to the pedestrian and bicyclist and that enforce traditional urban form.
- Zoning Code – Not applicable.
- Living Wage/Business Subsidy Agreement Yes _____ No X
- Job Linkage Yes _____ No X

Background

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners included \$2 million in bonding for the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program in the Hennepin County 2007 Budget. This is the fifth and apparently final year of the program. TOD projects supported with this funding must be in redevelopment project areas, have multi-jurisdictional authorization and impacts, and enhance transit usage. Eligible projects must be located within or directly adjacent to Hennepin County designated

Transit Corridors or adjacent to new or enhanced transit services supporting County services.

Transit Oriented Development projects reinforce both the community and the transit system, exhibit a compact and efficient use of available space and existing infrastructure, and contain a mix of uses with daily convenience and transit use as a central goal. The pedestrian friendly physical design of transit oriented developments encourages walking, bicycling and access by people with disabilities. The spatial extent of TOD is the maximum comfortable walking distance, roughly ¼ mile for existing bus transit stops or ½ mile for rail-based transit.

The multi-jurisdictional program must include plans for one or more of the following: development and redevelopment of housing and commercial properties, job creation, acquisition of property, construction of community corridor connections, corridor planning, or environmental cleanup.

Preference is given to projects and activities that directly increase transit use.

Process & Project Evaluations

Applications to the Hennepin County TOD Program were due to Hennepin County on February 22, 2007. There is \$2 million available for allocation in the 2007 program solicitation. The County received 14 applications requesting a total of \$5,083,600. Ten of the proposed projects are located within City of Minneapolis; a total of \$2,418,600 was requested for these ten City projects. A complete project list is attached to this report.

The Minneapolis projects are located in North, Northeast and South Minneapolis. Three proposed projects are located near Hiawatha LRT stations; two are located near Central Avenue NE; two are located near Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway; and the other three proposals are located near high frequency local bus routes and neighborhood commercial nodes.

Hennepin County staff requested the City submit the multi-jurisdictional program approval resolutions by late-April so County staff can proceed with their internal review and funding award process. The City can also submit an advisory ranking of projects against City policies and priorities to provide that additional input for the County process.

A multi-disciplinary, inter-departmental review team was established to review and evaluate the proposed projects that are located within Minneapolis. The review team included:

1. Greg Schroeder, Public Works Engineering Services
2. Don Pflaum, Public Works Traffic and Parking Services
3. Steven Hays, CPED, Community Planning
4. Cynthia Lee, CPED, Multi-family Housing
5. Theresa Cunningham, CPED, Multi-family Housing
6. Kevin Dockry, CPED, Multi-family Housing
7. Kristin Guild, CPED, Business Development
8. Andrea Petersen, CPED, Business Development
9. Mark Garner, CPED, Business Development

Applications were evaluated against 10 criteria that included both County program criteria and City policy and project requirements, such as consistency with *The Minneapolis Plan*, adopted small area plans, quality of transit oriented development proposed, project readiness, and housing and economic development policies and strategies. A chart showing the recommended ranking of projects against City priorities has been attached to this report.

CPED staff anticipate that the Hennepin County Board will recommend the preliminary Transit Oriented Development program funding awards in July. If grant agreements are successfully negotiated for the recommended projects, the County is expected to approve the final grant contracts in late 2007. Activities funded by the program are expected to occur during 2008 or 2009.

It may be necessary for the City to adopt or modify a redevelopment plan for some of the projects if they are funded by Hennepin County. Several projects for which grant applications have been submitted are already located within existing project areas (see the list of projects below). However, approval of the multi-jurisdictional resolution for projects located within the City implies that the City intends to pursue, if necessary, the approval or modification of a redevelopment project area to provide the legal authority for use of County funds in projects receiving TOD funds.

List of Applications for 2007 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development program for Projects located in the City of Minneapolis (Priority Rank Order)

The following list of projects summarizes 2007 applicant information:

1. (tie) Minnehaha Avenue Apartments

Applicant: Metro Plains / MDI Limited Partnership #64
Location: 5359 Minnehaha Avenue
TOD \$ Request: \$200,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Property acquisition, demolition
Name of Redevelopment Project: Not yet established
Contact: Rob McCready, (651) 646-8947

1. (tie) Spirit on Lake Cooperative

Applicant: Powderhorn Residents Group, Inc. (PRG)
Location: 1238 East Lake Street
TOD \$ Request: \$75,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Property Acquisition
Name of Redevelopment Project: Model City Urban Renewal Project
Contact: Kathy Wetzel-Mastel, (612) 721-7708

3. 333

Applicant: Sherman Associates / 333 Hennepin Limited Partnership
Location: 333 East Hennepin Avenue NE
TOD \$ Request: \$50,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Lighting and streetscape improvements
Name of Redevelopment Project: Not yet established
Contact: Bernadette Hornig, (612) 603-0863

4. (tie) Currie Park Lofts, Phase 1

Applicant: Fine Associates / Currie Park Development, LLC
Location: 415 15th Avenue South
TOD \$ Request: \$411,300
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Demolition, lighting and bike/pedestrian improvements
Name of Redevelopment Project: Cedar Riverside Urban Renewal Project
Contact: Jim White, (612) 332-2561

4. (tie) Franklin Portland Gateway, Phase 4

Applicant: Hope Community & Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT)
Location: Northwest Corner of Franklin and Portland Avenues
TOD \$ Request: \$300,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Property Acquisition
Name of Redevelopment Project: Model City Urban Renewal Project
Contact: Maureen Michalski, (612) 341-3148 x 236

4. (tie) Longfellow Station, Phase 1

Applicant: Capital Growth Real Estate, LLC
Location: Purina Mill
Site Bounded by Hiawatha Avenue, 38th and 40th Street E.
TOD \$ Request: \$500,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Infrastructure Improvements
Name of Redevelopment Project: Not yet established
Contact: Dale Joel, (651) 222-3366 ext. 15

7. Jackson Street Artist Affordable Housing Project

Applicant: Northeast Minneapolis Community Development Corporation (NECDC) and Flannery Construction
Location: ½ block of Central between 18-1/2 and 19th Avenue NE
TOD \$ Request: \$295,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Utilities, landscaping and pedestrian lighting
Name of Redevelopment Project: Not yet established
Contact: John Vaughn, (612) 627-9366

8. The Jubilee

Applicant: Urban Homeworks, Inc.
Location: 2025 Emerson Avenue N.
TOD \$ Request: \$37,300
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Landscaping and exterior building improvements
Name of Redevelopment Project: West Broadway Redevelopment Plan
Contact: Ryan Peterson, (651) 210-3337

9. Ramen Ya Multi Arts Complex

Applicant: Asian Media Access
Location: 2412 – 2426 Plymouth Avenue North
TOD \$ Request: \$250,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Property acquisition and parking lot construction
Name of Redevelopment Project: Willard-Homewood Urban Renewal Project
Contact: Ange Hwang, (612) 376-7715

10. Greenway Town Homes

Applicant: East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)
Location: 2845 Bloomington Avenue South
TOD \$ Request: \$300,000
Proposed Use of TOD funds: Property Acquisition
Name of Redevelopment Project: Model City Urban Renewal Project
Contact: Carol Pass, (612) 721-4509

RESOLUTION
of the
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

By _____

WHEREAS the Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program was established as a multi-jurisdictional reinvestment program under the authority of Minnesota Statutes 383B.79, Subdivision 1.

WHEREAS ten applications were submitted to Hennepin County for projects located within the City of Minneapolis for consideration in the 2007 Hennepin County TOD Program solicitation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Metro Plains / MDI Limited Partnership #64 for the Minnehaha Avenue Apartments Project site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Powderhorn Residents Group, Inc. for the Spirit on Lake Cooperative site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Sherman Associates / 333 Hennepin Limited Partnership for the 333 site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development

loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Fine Associates / Currie Park Development LLC for the Currie Park Lofts, Phase 1 site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Hope Community and Central Community Housing Trust for the Franklin Portland Gateway, Phase 4 site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Capital Growth Real Estate LLC for the Longfellow Station, Phase 1 site.

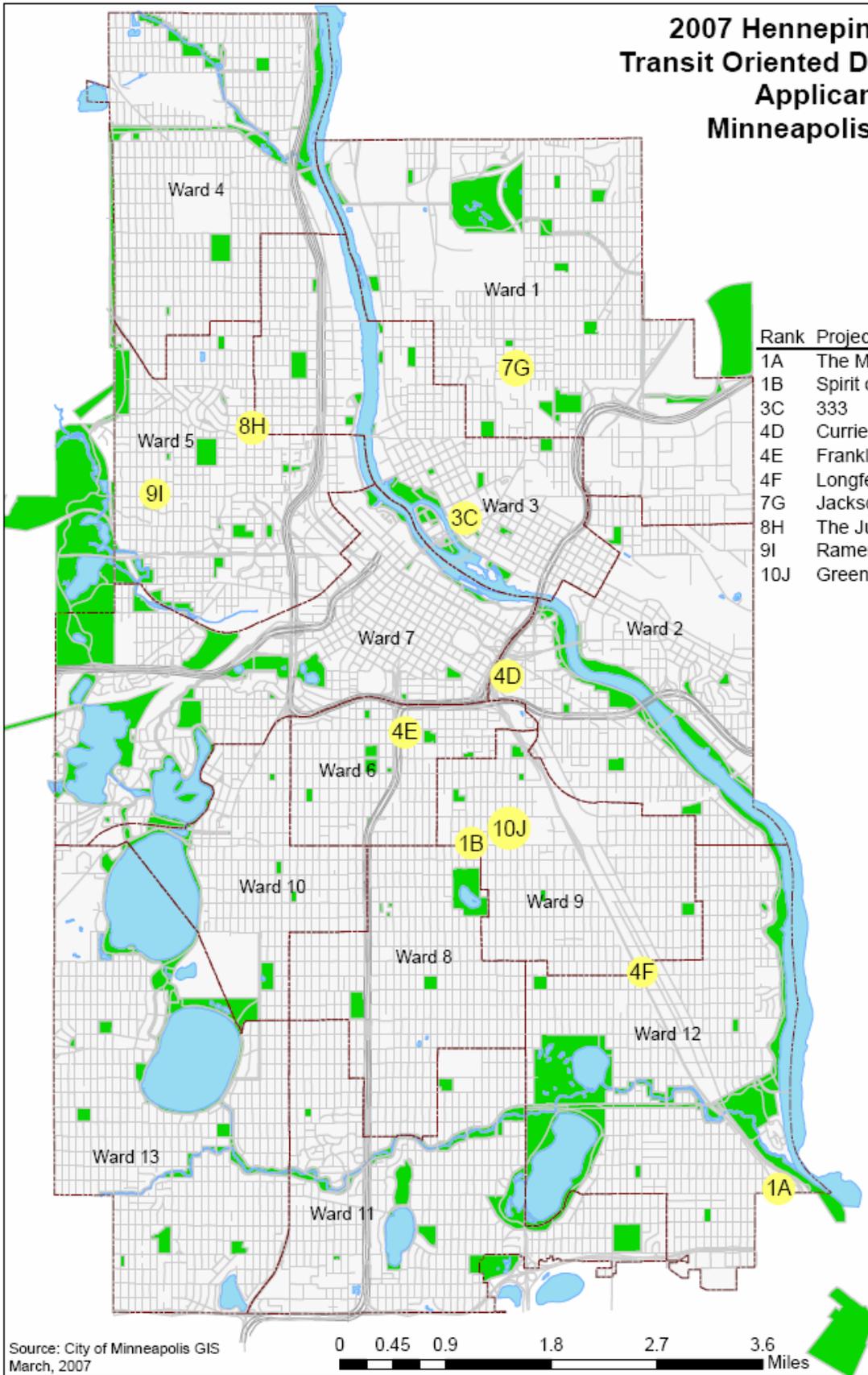
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Northeast Minneapolis Community Development Corporation and Flannery Construction for the Jackson Street Artist Affordable Housing Project site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Urban Homeworks, Inc. for the Jubilee Apartments site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by Asian Media Access for the Ramen Ya Multi-Arts Complex site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383B.77, Subdivision 3, supports the transit oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2007 by East Phillips Improvement Coalition for the Greenway Town Homes site.

2007 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development Applicants Minneapolis Sites



| Rank | Project Name |
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| 1A | The Minnehaha Ave Apt |
| 1B | Spirit on Lake |
| 3C | 333 |
| 4D | Currie Park Lofts Phase 1 |
| 4E | Franklin Portland Gateway |
| 4F | Longfellow Station |
| 7G | Jackson St Artist Housing |
| 8H | The Jubilee |
| 9I | Ramen Ya |
| 10J | Greenway Town Homes |

Source: City of Minneapolis GIS
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