



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

**Date:** January 18, 2011

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

**Subject:** **Washington Ave. SE. (Oak St. SE to Huron Blvd SE,) Central Corridor  
Adjacent Street Lighting Project No 2279: Designation, Cost Estimate and  
Set Public Hearing**

**Recommendation:**

A. Passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets and improvements to be made in the Washington Avenue SE (Oak St. SE to Huron Blvd SE.) portion of the Central Corridor Light Rail project. Special Improvement of Existing Street Number 2279.

This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.

B. Adoption of the Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$220,000 and the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$220,000 against the list of benefited properties by applying the street influence zone method, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held on March 22, 2011 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

**Previous Directives:**

- January 9, 2009- Council adopted the Minneapolis Streetlight Policy.
- January 14, 2011- Council approved an increase of \$220,000 in the 2011 capital appropriation and created capital project TR024 to accept these funds for the Washington Ave. Central Corridor Adjacent Street Lighting Project.

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**Approved by:**

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

**Presenters:** Bill Prince, Professional Engineer, Traffic & Parking Services

**Reviews**

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| Permanent Review Committee (PRC):    | Approval | <b>NA</b> | Date |
| Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan | Approval | <b>NA</b> | Date |
| Policy Review Group (PRG):           | Approval | <b>NA</b> | Date |

**Financial Impact**

Special assessments against benefited properties

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: **Neighborhood meetings held August 12, 2010 before petition mailing and August 24, 2010 after petition mailing.**

City Goals: **Improve area streetlighting in conformance with policy,**

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

Washington Avenue SE between Oak Street SE and Huron Blvd SE is one of the areas along the Central Corridor project in Minneapolis where street lighting costs were not covered by the University of Minnesota or Metropolitan Council. The Minneapolis Streetlight Policy requires that, for pedestrian and Central Business District areas, end of service life areas, and capital improvement street reconstruction areas, that the property owners in that area be notified of the project and pending assessment and be given the opportunity to opt out of the project with 70% declared and recorded response. As of the response deadline date of August 27, 2010, 10% of the property owners by assessable area have opted out and therefore the opt out petition failed. It is recommended that council approve the proposed special assessment for street lighting in the amount of \$220,000 as per the requirements of the Minneapolis Streetlight Policy and we recommend passage of a Resolution declaring the location, streets and improvements to be made as part of this project..

As is provided in Chapter 10 Section 8 of the City Charter, submitted herewith is a list of parcels with owner’s names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for the Washington Avenue lighting project as part of the Central Corridor project.

Also submitted is a cost estimate for the Washington Ave SE. (Oak St. SE to Huron Blvd SE) street lighting portion of the Central Corridor Light Rail Project of \$220,000:

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| Lighting cost per bid submitted to CCLRT by low bidder Ames McCrossan | \$160,000     |
| Consultant cost for preparing assessment                              | \$15,000      |
| Anticipated city force inspection and documentation project cost      | \$25,000      |
| Additional contingency for underground work required                  | \$20,000      |
| <br>Estimated total   | <br>\$220,000 |

The project covers the cost of replacement poles, davits and fixtures to replace existing street lighting in this corridor and all underground and foundation work. The project cost total described will be funded 100% from special assessments. The special assessments would be determined by using the street influence zone method with all costs up to \$220,000 to be assessed.

T&PW- Your committee recommends passage of the accompanying resolution designating the locations, streets and improvements proposed to be made in the Washington Avenue SE Central Corridor Street Lighting Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street Number 2279.

Your committee further recommends summary publication of the above described resolution.

**Washington Avenue  
Street Lighting Project  
Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 2279**

**Designating the improvement of certain existing streets at the locations described hereafter.**

That the following existing streets within the City of Minneapolis are hereby designated to be improved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter, by installing ornamental street lights together with necessary appurtenances and work related thereto:

Washington Avenue SE from approximately the east ROW line of Oak Street SE to the west ROW line of Huron Boulevard SE.

T&PW- Your committee, having received a cost estimate of \$220,000 for street lighting improvements and the list of benefited properties for the Washington Ave SE CCLRT Street Lighting Project, Special Improvements of Existing Street No 2279, as designated by Resolution 2011R-\_\_\_\_ passed January 28, 2011, now recommends that the City Engineer be directed to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$220,000 against the list of benefited properties by applying the street influence zone area method.

Your committee further recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on March 22, 2011, in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to consider approving the construction of the above designated street lighting project and to consider the amount proposed to be assessed to each benefited property and the amount to be funded by the City.