

**2006 State Capital Budget Request**  
**Preliminary Information Review and evaluation**

Project Title

*Nicollet Avenue Extension*

Project Location

*Nicollet Avenue from West 29<sup>th</sup> Street to Lake Street*

Total Project Cost (all funding sources – all years – for all capital costs)

*\$3,800,000 for infrastructure only*

Request for state funds in 2006

*\$0*

Additional state funds to be requested for subsequent project costs/phases in 2008

*\$1,900,000*

Additional state funds to be requested for subsequent project costs/phases in 2010

*\$0*

Non-state funds available or to be contributed to the project (list the dollar amount and sources-federal, city, private or other)

*\$1,200,000 Federal Bridge Bonds, \$700,000 City NDB and Special Assessments.*

Project Description and rationale

*The existing Nicollet Avenue Bridge that is owned by the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority was built in 1914 and is in very poor condition. It has a sufficiency rating of 32 out of 100 (normally a rating below 50 indicates replacement). This bridge over the Midtown Greenway is closed to vehicular traffic and is currently used by pedestrians.*

*The project will reconnect the city grid system by reconstruction of the Nicollet Avenue Bridge, plus the construction of a new section of Nicollet Avenue through the old K-Mart site from West 29<sup>th</sup> Street to Lake Street. In addition, a pedestrian/Bike ramp to the Midtown Greenway would be constructed linking this area to the regional trail system.*

Regional Benefit

*This project will improve the urban environment in this area by providing the infrastructure (Bridge and Street) needed to reopen this area. It will also provide a critical link to the Midtown Greenway which is a heavily used regional pedestrian and bike corridor. The Midtown Greenway is also the site of a future light rail system and the Nicollet Avenue area is the location of a future LRT Station.*

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Project Schedule

*Construction start in 2009*

*Construction Complete in 2009*

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