



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

**Date:** March 1, 2011

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

**Subject:** **Central Corridor LRT Project, Authorization to Execute Washington Avenue Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with Hennepin County**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute an Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer of Washington Avenue between Pleasant Street South East and University Avenue South East with Hennepin County including the terms described in this report.

**Previous Directives:**

- November 19, 2010: Authorize the proper City Officials to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement 4
- October 8, 2010: Authorize the proper City officers to execute Subordinate Funding Agreements 2 & 3
- September 24, 2010: Authorize proper city officers to finalize and execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council regarding removal of motor vehicle traffic from a portion of Washington Avenue in the City of Minneapolis for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project and Authorize proper city officers to finalize and execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council, Regents of the University of Minnesota, and Hennepin County related to the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project and issues that affect the University of Minnesota.
- April 4, 2010: Authorize the City to enter into & execute a Master Funding Agreement and SFA 1.
- July 21, 2009: Approve the Final EIS comments for the Central Corridor LRT project and direct the Public Works Department to submit the comments to the Met Council.
- August 22, 2008: Approve the SDEIS comments for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit project and recommend submittal of the SDEIS comments to the Met Council
- July 11, 2008 Authorize execution of a MOU defining the scope and commitment of Central Corridor Project mitigation issues.
- June 20, 2008: Approval of Preliminary Design Plans
- June 16, 2006: Resolution 2006R-342, Recommending Light Rail Transit for the Central Corridor.
- June 16, 2006: Approve summary comments and final detailed comments on the draft EIS regarding the Central Corridor Project

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**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval NA Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Civil Rights Approval Approval NA Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval NA\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Impact**

Action is within current department budget

**Community Impact:**

City Goals:

- Neighborhood Notification: The Central Corridor Project Office is working regularly with the neighborhoods impacted by the project through a Community Advisory Committee, and a Business Advisory Committee, as well by holding various meetings with individual neighborhoods, residents and business groups.
- A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city’s infrastructure will be well-maintained; people will feel safe in the city.
- CONNECTED COMMUNITIES: Connected network of Transportation Options.
- Comprehensive Plan: The Comprehensive Plan is being met.
- Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project will construct an 11-mile LRT line between Minneapolis and St Paul. The Project is scheduled to be complete in 2014.

A portion of the LRT line will be located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 122 (Washington Avenue SE). CCLRT construction will convert that segment of CSAH 122 through the east bank of the University of Minnesota campus from a county highway to a transit/pedestrian mall.

The proposed Agreement between the City and the County will result in the transferring jurisdiction of Washington Avenue (CSAH 22) between Pleasant Street SE and University Avenue S from Hennepin County to the City of Minneapolis. The transfer will take effect upon the issuance of an order by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The City will then be responsible for all street and traffic signal maintenance. The existing lighting system will continue to be owned by the County until completion of the LRT project. Responsibility for lighting system maintenance after LRT is complete is anticipated to be defined in an operations and maintenance agreement between the City, Metropolitan Council, and the University of Minnesota.

The responsibilities of each party under the existing Routine Maintenance Agreement between the County and the City shall be adjusted to reflect the roadway jurisdiction transfer.

The underlying fee title and street easement for this stretch of roadway is also scheduled to be transferred from Hennepin County to the City. The City will then transfer fee title to the University of Minnesota and retain the street easement. The University will also transfer

additional street easement to the City for the widening of Washington between Pleasant Street South East and Oak Street South East.

Attachment: map

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