



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

Date: April 20, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Ewing Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail

Recommendation:

1. Passage of a resolution to accept \$50,000 from the DNR Local Trail Connection Grant Program as partial funding for this trail project to be deposited to 4100/943/9470 project # A7019030 (revenue source 3125).
2. Passage of a resolution to name the Director of Public Works, Klara Fabry (350 South 5th Street – Room 203 Minneapolis City Hall) as the fiscal agent for the City of Minneapolis.
3. Passage of a resolution to direct Public Works to operate and maintain this trail facility for a period of at least 20 years.

Previous Directives:

- January 2003 – City Council directive to apply for DNR Local Trails Connection Grant Program Funding
- October 2003 – City Council/Mayor approval of the City of Minneapolis/Hennepin County Cost Participation Agreement for the Ewing Trail Project.

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Jon Wertjes, P.E., Assistant Director, Transportation and Parking Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase – Capital Only

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

This off-street bikeway/walkway along Ewing Avenue South provides a safe, convenient connection between the Cedar Lake Trail and France Av. S. The proposed 10' wide multi-use trail (for both pedestrians and bicycles) with 2 ft. clear zones on both sides will greatly improve safety and will reduce the city's liability. Existing sight-line impediments, moderately high traffic volumes, numerous horizontal curves, adjacent vegetation and poor shoulder condition make Ewing Avenue South an undesirable roadway for bike use. Because of the lack of continuous sidewalks along Ewing Avenue South, this project will facilitate better pedestrian movement and will deter pedestrians from walking in the street.

Funding:

This project is a partnership between the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the Department of Natural resources (DNR). Construction costs for this project are estimated at \$100,000. In 2003 the City of Minneapolis was awarded \$50,000 in DNR Local Trail Connections Grant funding to complete the Ewing Trail. Hennepin County is providing a \$50,000 local construction match for the project and the City of Minneapolis is contributing \$25,000 toward the design of the project.

One of the requirements of the DNR Trail Connections Grant Program is a resolution from the governing authority that accomplishes the following:

- 1) Accepts the grant in the amount of the award as partial funding for this trail project and recognizes the matching requirement.
- 2) Names the fiscal agent from the local unit of government for this project to include the name of the person, their title, and the correct mailing address.
- 3) Assures that the facility will be maintained and in existence for no less than 20 years.

The Ewing Trail is currently under final design and is scheduled for completion in Fall of 2004. It is anticipated that the annual costs for maintenance of this facility will be approximately \$3,000.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Project Layout

Exhibit B – Resolution

CC: Tim Mitchell – DNR

Robert Byers – Hennepin County

Exhibit B
Ewing Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Resolution

Whereas, the Ewing Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail project provides a safe and convenient connection between the Cedar Lake Trail Regional Trail and France Av. S, and

Whereas, the Ewing Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail project is partnership between the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the Department of Natural Resources, and

Whereas, the Ewing Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail project is being funded in part by DNR Local Trail Connections Grant Program funds totaling \$50,000, and

Whereas, Hennepin County is providing the \$50,000 construction match per the approved cost participation agreement between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County, and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is required to fund the design costs totaling \$25,000, manage project construction, and maintain the trail facility for its useful life, and

Whereas, a requirement of the DNR Local Trail Connections Grant Program is a local resolution to accept funding for the project, to name the local government fiscal agent for the project, and to assure that the facility will be maintained and in existence for no less than 20 years, and

Therefore let it be resolved, that the City of Minneapolis accept \$50,000 from the DNR Local Trail Connection Grant Program as partial funding for this trail project to be deposited to 4100/943/9470 project #A7019030, and

Therefore let it be resolved, that the City of Minneapolis name the Director of Public Works, Klara Fabry (350 South 5th Street – Room 203 Minneapolis City Hall) as the City of Minneapolis fiscal agent for this project, and

Therefore let it be resolved that Public Works be directed to operate and maintain this trail facility for a period of at least 20 years.