



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

**Date:** October 14, 2003  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee

**Subject:** **Temporary Easement Agreement with Library for tower cranes to swing Over the Nicollet Hotel Block**

**Recommendation:**

Direct City Officers to execute a Temporary Easement, including any necessary future amendments, with the Minneapolis Library Board granting the Library the right to have their tower cranes swing over City property at the Nicollet Hotel Block

**Previous Directives:**

None

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**Approved by:**

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

**Presenters:** Robert Morgan, P.E., 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  
 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:**

The City of Minneapolis acquired title to the Nicollet Hotel Block in 1993 as the location for the North Terminal for the Nicollet Mall Shuttle. The Block is bounded by Washington Av, Nicollet Mall, Third St, and Hennepin Av. The new Minneapolis Central Library is being built on the block immediately south of the Nicollet Hotel Block.

Library construction has advanced to the point that tower cranes now need to be erected. One of these cranes is located near Third St midway between Hennepin and the Mall. It will swing over the southern portion of the Nicollet Hotel Block at a height of 188' and with a boom length of 235'.

The Library has requested a temporary easement permitting operation of this tower crane. The City has negotiated an easement which will expire on the earlier of (i) completion of the Library construction, (ii) July 1, 2005, or (iii) 90 days written notice to the Library from the City that the City is terminating the easement.

This easement is complicated by the fact that the City is requesting proposals for redevelopment of the Nicollet Hotel Block. Proposals were received on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The operation of the Library tower crane could at some point interfere with construction of a development on the Nicollet Hotel Block. Once the City Council has selected a developer for the Nicollet Hotel block, this easement will need to be renegotiated to incorporate the needs of the developer.

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