



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

Date: April 6, 2010
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee
Subject: **Pedestrian Improvement Project – Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements**

Recommendation:

1. Authorize the appropriate City Officers to negotiate and execute a contract with the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for cost participation in a pedestrian improvement project pending satisfactory review by the City Attorney's Office.
2. Authorize the appropriate City Officers to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Target Center and their facility management company, AEG, to maintain the aesthetic improvements associated with the pedestrian improvement project pending satisfactory review by the City Attorney's Office.

Previous Directives:

- December 11, 2008 Council Resolution 208R-544 – Adopting the 2009-2013 Five Year Capital Program (TR018 Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements).

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Reviews:

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan:	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Action is within current department budget

Background/Supporting Information:

In preparation for the opening of Target Field in April 2010, the City's 2009 budget included a line item for Infrastructure Improvements near the site of the new ballpark (TR018 Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements). This funding is being used to implement several initiatives that will help improve all modes of transportation to and from Target Field area including vehicular, pedestrian, transit and bicycle.

In partnership with the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, this funding will contribute to pedestrian improvements made to the triangular traffic median located between Target Center and Ramp A (see attached graphic). The improvements include reconfiguring the sidewalk on the traffic median to more clearly delineate the appropriate pedestrian way and prevent pedestrians from crossing to and from the traffic median at locations that do not coincide with designated crosswalks. There are also aesthetic improvements included with this project such as the addition of 5 trees, hardy shrubbery, a decorative retaining wall and a flag pole which will fly the American Flag and will be lit at night. The Target Center and their facility management company, AEG, are willing to negotiate an agreement with Public Works to maintain the aesthetic improvements in the traffic median.

Cc: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Attachment

