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

Date: October 10th, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Subject: **I-35W and Lake Street Design and Access Improvements Cost Participation Agreement.**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City Officials to negotiate an agreement (PW 35-20-06) with Hennepin County to participate in and share the cost of developing Street designs, Streetscape designs, Bridge designs, Visual Quality Manuals and facilitating community involvement for the I35W access improvements and Lake Street reconstruction.

Previous Directives:

Resolution 2004R-039, January 30th 2004. Approval of Concept Plans for the I-35W Lake Street Access Project in South Minneapolis.

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>

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
- Business Plan: X Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) have partnered to develop a series of technical memoranda and layout concept for the I-35W/Lake Street Access Project. The concept layout has been endorsed by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and the Minneapolis City Council.

This project takes the endorsed technical memoranda and layout concept and completes significant portions for use in the reconstruction of Lake street, adjacent I35-W corridor streets and provides details necessary for incorporation in the eventual reconstruction of the I35-W including access improvements and BRT. Specific areas are:

1. Street Design Locations

The street design activity will result in the preparation of plans, specifications, and an estimate of the cost for the construction of the following local streets in compliance with State Aid Standards:

- a. Nicollet Avenue – 31st Street to 28th Street (incorporate detail streetscape design from activity number two above)
- b. 38th Street – Nicollet Avenue to Clinton Avenue (incorporate detail streetscape design from activity number two above)
- c. Lake Street – Blaisdell Avenue to 5th Avenue (incorporate detail streetscape design from activity number two above)

2. Streetscape Design Locations The streetscape design activity will be focused on the local street system adjacent to the I-35W Corridor and consist of preliminary design to the 30% level in compliance with State Aid Standards. The following streets (including the Midtown Greenway) are included in the streetscape design activity:

- a. 38th Street – Nicollet Avenue to Clinton Avenue
- b. 36th Street – Stevens Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- c. 35th Street – Stevens Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- d. 31st Street - Stevens Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- e. Lake Street – Blaisdell Avenue to 5th Avenue
- f. 28th Street – Stevens Avenue to Clinton Avenue
- g. 26th Street –Clinton Avenue to 5th Avenue
- h. Franklin Avenue – 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue
- i. Stevens Avenue – 46th Street to 29th Street
- j. 2nd Avenue – 46th Street to Lake Street
- k. Nicollet Avenue – 38th Street to 28th Street
- l. 1st Avenue – 31st Avenue to 28th Street
- m. 5th Avenue – 26th Street to I-94
- n. Greenway – vicinity of I-35W

3. Bridge Design Locations

- a. Complete design including preparation of plans, specifications, and an estimate of the cost for construction.
 - 40th Street Pedestrian Bridge – Existing Bridge No. 9618
- b. Concept level structural and architectural design to approximately 30% including the development of aesthetic treatments.
 - 38th Street Bridge - Existing Bridge No. 9619 (including traffic modeling of the oval/roundabout concept
 - Lake Street – Existing Bridge No. 9733 (including concept of transit connection between I-35W above, and Lake Street below)

4. Visual Quality Manual (VQM)

It is the goal of this project to develop a manual for visual quality guidance that provides corridor continuity while enhancing the multimodal and diverse environments, including a transportation corridor adjacent to a historic community. Visual criteria and parameters will be established to evaluate impacts and opportunities within the project area for the desired improvements and to assess financial feasibility along with funding needs and responsibilities. The VQM will be utilized and incorporated in all project activities.

5. Public Involvement

Each of the listed activities (1 through 4 above) will involve public interaction. This activity will include the organization of a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in addition to interaction with each of the affected Minneapolis neighborhoods and business associations. Public involvement activities include:

- a. PAC meetings of approximately 30 representatives of neighborhoods and business interests. Meetings are projected to occur monthly over the term of the engagement, expected to last approximately three years.
- b. TAC meetings are projected to occur every three weeks (18 annually) over the term of the engagement.
- c. Public Open Houses are to occur at approximately six month intervals (up to 4 required).
- d. Graphics development.
- e. Meeting minutes for each meeting.

6. Environmental Assessment Document Update

The existing technical memorandum will need updating to reflect the streetscape and street design on local street outside the immediate I-35W footprint.

Public Works/Finance Recommendations:

Funding has been recommended by the Mayor in his 2007 Net Debt Bond / Revenue Bond Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolutions and as a part of the 2007-2011 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. The funds for this project are intended to be spent in 2007, 2008, 2009. Upon completion of a cost share agreement, Public works and Finance will return with a project funding recommendation consistent with the projects intentions.

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