



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
from the Departments of  
Community Planning & Economic Development  
and Public Works**

**Date:** February 28, 2006

**To:** Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, Transportation & Public Works  
**Referral to:** Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee  
Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means Budget/Committee

**Subject:** **Accept & Appropriate Hennepin County 2005 Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant**

**Recommendation:**

1. Accept the Hennepin County 2005 Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant for \$274,000 for pedestrian lights to be installed in the public right-of-way and authorize appropriate City officers to execute grant agreement.
2. Amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Agency Fund 600 – State Grants & Loans (0600-890-8933) appropriation by \$274,000.
3. Amend the 2006 Revenue Budget for Community Planning & Economic Development Agency Fund 600 – State Grants & Loans (0600-890-8490) appropriation by \$274,000.

**Previous Directives:** On April 1, 2005 the City of Minneapolis authorized the submission of applications to the 2005 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development Grant Program.

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**Approved by:** Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director, CPED \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Presenter in Committee:** Mark Garner, Senior Project Coordinator, CPED Phone: 673-5037

**Financial Impact:**

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the  Capital Budget or  Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance 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. Preserve and enhance our environmental, economic and social realms to promote a sustainable Minneapolis.

Comprehensive Plan: 4.19 Minneapolis will require design standards for Transit Station Areas that are oriented to the pedestrian and bicyclist and that enforce traditional urban form. 4.20 Minneapolis will provide direct connections to transit stations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and bus riders.

Zoning Code: Not Applicable.

Other: Not Applicable.

**Background/Supporting Information**

On April 1, 2005 the Minneapolis City Council authorized the submission of fourteen applications for projects located in the City of Minneapolis to the Hennepin County 2005 Transit Oriented Development grant solicitation. The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners has approved \$620,000 in funding for seven of these projects located in close proximity to LRT or bus transit stops.

One project approved for funding by Hennepin County was a joint proposal from CPED and Public Works for funds to construct pedestrian lighting near a neighborhood LRT station in order to enhance the safety and comfort of transit patrons and neighborhood residents utilizing transit services and improve the market for nearby transit-oriented development. Hennepin County has awarded \$100,000 to this project for 22 pedestrian lights.

Four of the other projects approved for funding by Hennepin County in 2005 received grants that include funding for a total of 30 pedestrian lights to be installed in the public right-of-way, including Ripley Gardens (6 lights), Little Earth of United Tribes (3 lights), Minneapolis American Indian Center (7 lights), and Village in Phillips Phase II (14 lights).

Hennepin County has proposed to the City of Minneapolis and the four private project applicants that all of the lighting located within the public right-of-way be constructed by the City of Minneapolis in order to insure infrastructure quality, secure economic efficiencies in procurement and construction, and allow for the design and installation of the pedestrian lighting as part of larger transit station pedestrian district improvement projects. Staff from Minneapolis Public Works and Hennepin County Housing, Community Works and Transit has identified a scope of work to install a total of 52 pedestrian lights to support the five funded projects for the grant amount of \$274,000.

After the Hennepin County TOD grant proposal was submitted, CPED received authorization from the City Council to submit several grant applications to the 2005 Regional TEA-21 funding solicitation to secure additional funding for pedestrian lighting, streetscape, and intersection improvements around the Franklin Avenue LRT Station. To date, these projects have scored well in the competitive project ranking process of the Transportation Advisory Board. Should these TEA-21 projects be funded, the opportunity will exist for CPED and Public Works to coordinate the design and construction of the Hennepin County TOD grant funded improvements with the larger TEA-21 project.

This report requests that the City Council accept the \$274,000 grant from the 2005 Hennepin County TOD program for the installation of pedestrian lights around the transit-oriented development projects and transit stops, appropriate funds, and authorize appropriate City officers to execute the grant agreement. CPED and Public Works will coordinate as necessary the implementation of these projects.