



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

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**Date:** June 10, 2003  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Assessment of Areaway Abandonment Cost at 705 Hennepin Avenue, in the Hennepin Av Theater District Streetscape Project No. 2221**

### Recommendation:

- Receive and accept the petition from the property owner, Witt Mitchell LLC. Receive the not-to-exceed cost estimate of \$110,000. Increase funding appropriation to Fund 4100-937-9372-8015 for the cost of abandoning the areaway by \$110,000, which is to be reimbursed by special assessment Fund 4100-937-9372-3910 by \$110,000. Direct the appropriate City staff to contract for the work and make payment to the contractor on the recommendation of the City Engineer or her delegate upon satisfactory completion of work.
- Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$110,000.

### Previous Directives:

- Resolution 2002R-172, passed May 17, 2002, ordering the City Engineer to abandon and remove the areaways located in the public street right-of-way that are in conflict with the paving and streetscape projects in the Hennepin Theater District Streetscape Renovation and Street Lighting Project area.

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Presenters in Committee: Jack Yuzna, Engineer III

### 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):

Special Assessment to the property.

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

**Background/Supporting Information Attached:**

## **Background**

During the development of the Hennepin Theatre District Streetscape Project, it was concluded that the improvements might require the modification or abandonment of some areaways. It has been determined that the areaway at 705 Hennepin Av (further identified as Property ID 22-029-24-43-0084, Lot 6, Block 223, Hoag and Bells Addition to Minneapolis) is in conflict with the project. After reviewing the options, the property owner, Witt Mitchell LLC, has petitioned the City to allow the areaway to be partially abandoned and that the property be assessed the cost of the abandonment over a period of 20 years. After reviewing the specifics of the request, City Staff is in agreement with the property owner and believes the public's interest would be best served by accepting the petition. Both the partial abandonment and assessment of the areaway, as proposed by the owner, is permitted by the City's Areaway Ordinance. The property owner's consultant has estimated the cost of the work to be \$95,000. However, the property owner has requested the maximum of the assessment be set at \$110,000. The additional \$15,000 would be used as the project contingency.

Attachment 1: Streetscape Map

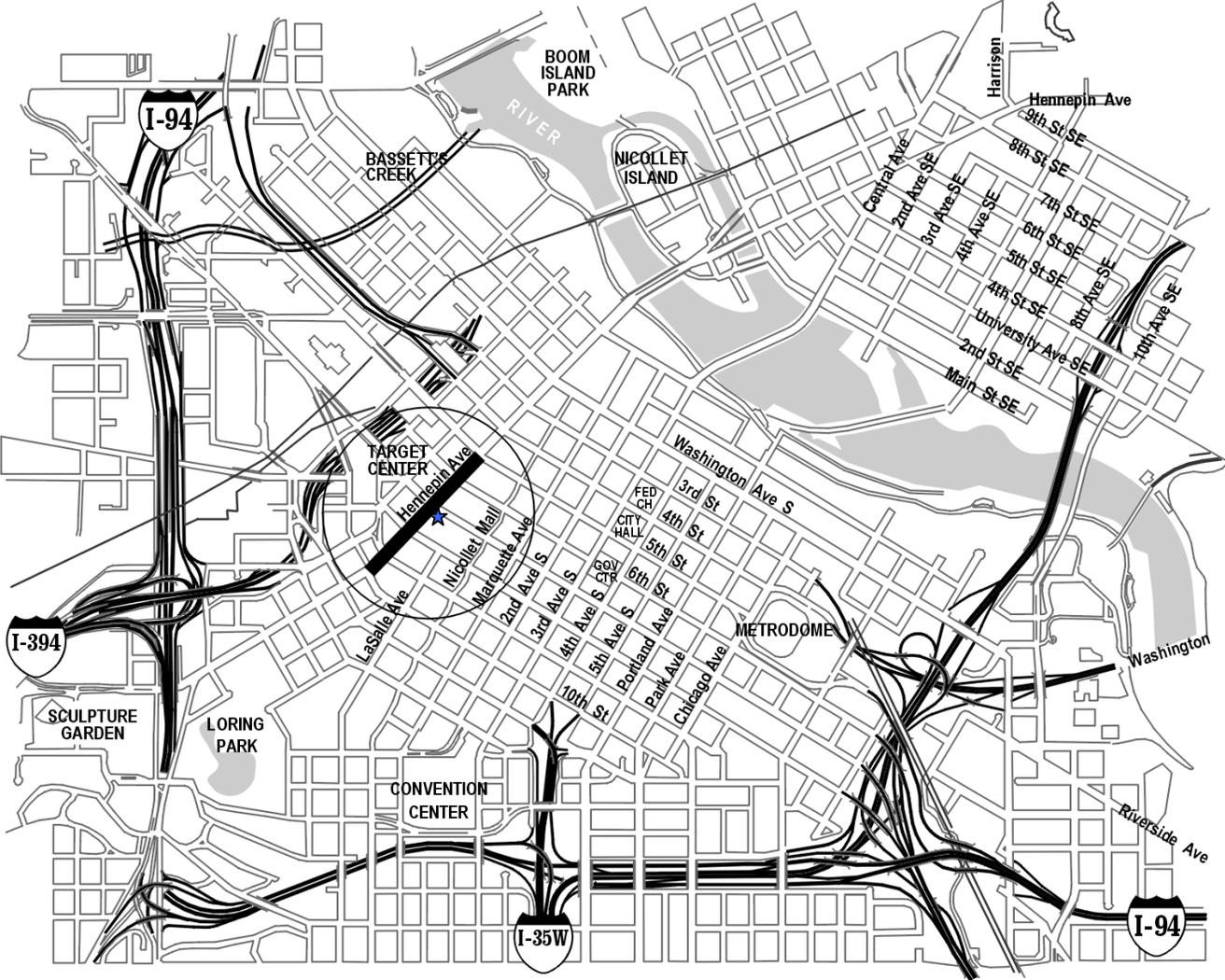
Attachment 2: Petition

Attachment 3: Committee Report and Resolutions

cc: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7  
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

# Hennepin Ave Streetscape

## 5th to 10th Sts



— Project