



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

Date: February 21, 2002
To: Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Ways & Means

Subject: Mn/DOT Agreement No. 82917, Variable Message Sign Systems

Recommendation:

1. Authorize the proper City Officials to execute Agreement 82917.
2. Amend the 2002 Capital Improvement appropriation (2001R-507) by increasing Transportation's Field Operation Capital Fund (4100-943-9440) by \$334,624, which will be 100% reimbursed by Federal Aid funds.

Previous Directives:

Matching funds designated in Transportation's 1999 Municipal Parking Fund

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Presenters in Committee: Gregory A. Finstad, P.E.

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

Community Impact

Comprehensive Plan Policies

Policy No. 7 – Market downtown as a place to live, work, play, and do business

Policy No. 8 – Strengthen our city through infrastructure investment

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Transportation and Parking Services Division is requesting that the proper City Officials be directed to execute Agreement 82917 with Mn/DOT in the amount of \$469,431 to allow the City to use Federal Aid Funds in the amount of \$334,624 for installation of a variable message sign system to be installed by City Public Works Forces. The remainder of the cost \$134,807 (matching funds) will be funded by the Municipal Off Street Parking Fund as designated in the 1999 Capital Improvement Program. These electronic signage systems will provide continuously updated information about off-street parking availability in the City's Municipal Parking System facilities to downtown drivers.

The initial project includes installing signs at 8 locations; 6 around the Convention Center area, 1 along 5th Avenue S., and 1 along 9th Street S.. More locations could be added in future years based on the success of the initial project. The signs are designed to be highly visible and will be located over the roadway. They will interface with the City's parking ramp stall count system, and will provide the number of parking stalls available at the various Municipal Parking Facilities.

By Council Members Colvin Roy and Johnson

Amending the Capital Improvement appropriation Resolution 2001R-507 of 2001, passed December 13, 2001, as amended.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis

That the above entitled Resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the Transportation Field Operations Capital Appropriation in the Permanent Improvement Tax Fund (4100-943-9440) by \$334,624 for the installation of a variable message sign system, the cost of which will be fully reimbursed by Federal Aid Funds in accordance with Mn/Dot Agreement No.82917 for S.P. 141-070-12, M.P. CMA 2799(015).

Directing execution of Agreement 82917 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

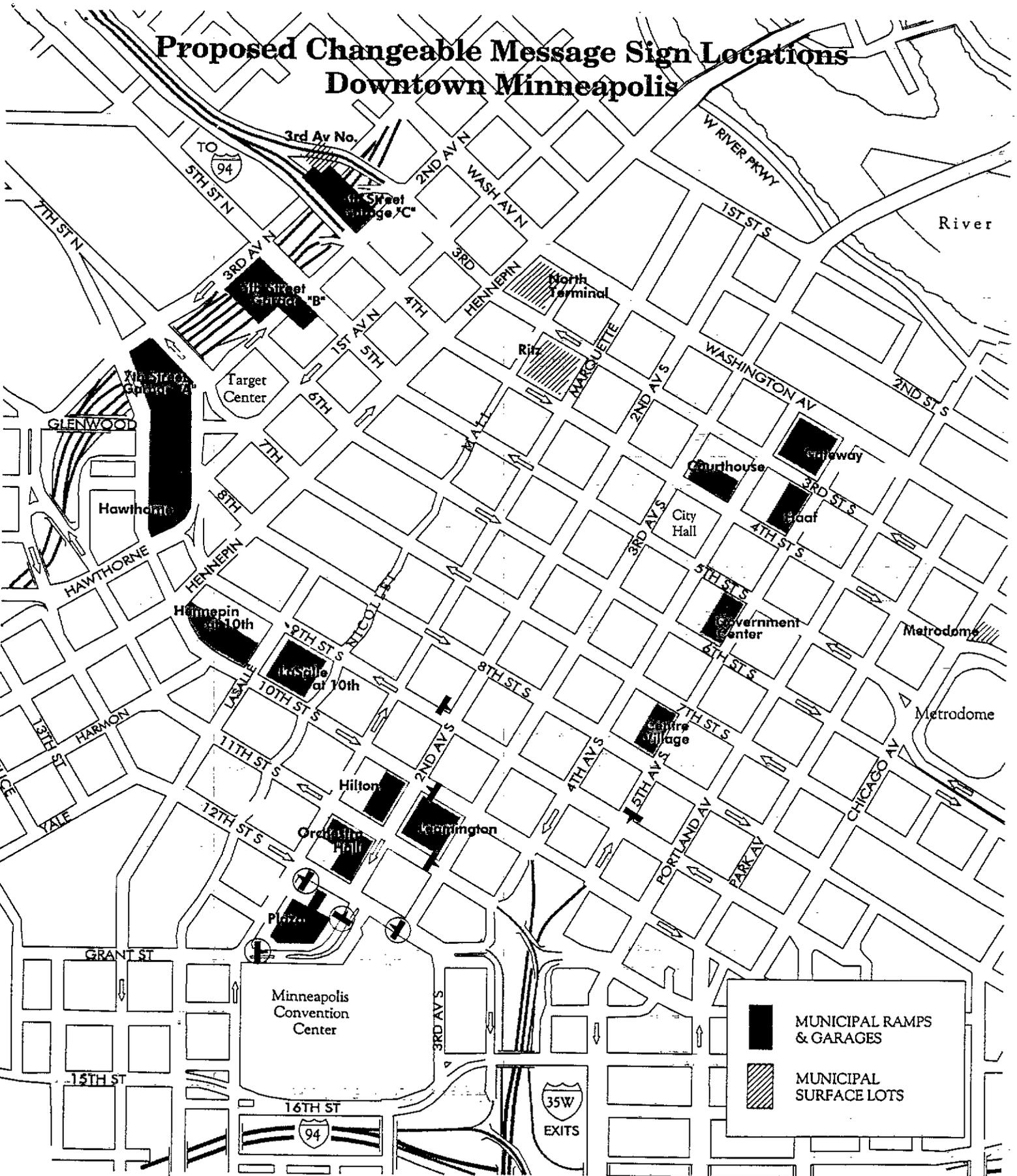
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis

That the proper City Officials be directed to execute Agreement 82917 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation which pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 161.36, allows the Commissioner of Transportation to act as the City's agent in accepting federal funds in the amount of \$334,624 prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth in Agreement 82917.

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Your Committee recommends that the proper City Officials be directed to execute Agreement 82917 with Mn/DOT which pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, allows the Commissioner of Transportation to act as the City's agent in accepting federal funds in the amount of \$334,624 to allow the City to purchase and direct City Employees to install a variable message sign system. These installations will better inform the driving public of off-street parking availability in the Municipal Parking System Facilities in Downtown Minneapolis.

Proposed Changeable Message Sign Locations Downtown Minneapolis



┆ Proposed NEW Locations

⊕ Proposed REPLACEMENT Locations