

# Transit for Livable Communities

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June 24, 2007

Dear Donald Pflaum: *Don*



Congratulations! The proposal(s) you submitted has been selected for funding by Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) as part of the Bike Walk Twin Cities Program.

Project Name: Hennepin Avenue Planning Study  
Funding Approved: 50,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Central Avenue NE Planning Study  
Funding Approved: 50,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: 5th Street NE  
Funding Approved: 50,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Como Avenue SE  
Funding Approved: 50,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: 10th Ave SE  
Funding Approved: 100,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: 27th Ave SE  
Funding Approved: 100,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Riverside Avenue - Eastern Segment  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Franklin Avenue E  
Funding Approved: 50,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Plymouth Avenue N/8th Avenue NE  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: 19th Avenue S  
Funding Approved: 100,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Riverside Avenue - Western Segment  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: 14th/15th/16th Street S  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: 22nd Avenue NE  
Funding Approved: 50,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Minnehaha/20th Avenue S  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Bryant Avenue S  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: 7th Street/10th Avenue N  
Funding Approved: 100,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Emerson/Fremont Avenue N  
Funding Approved: 100,000  
Specific conditions: Requires project redesign. Funding award for 2 to 1 lane conversion or shared bus/bike/right turning vehicle lane only.

Project Name: 1st/Blaisdell Avenues  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Glenwood Avenue  
Funding Approved: 150,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: LRT Trail Downtown Connection

Funding Approved: 800,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: LRT Trail Roundabout  
Funding Approved: 60,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: University of Minnesota Trail  
Funding Approved: 2,500,000  
Specific conditions: none

Project Name: Riverlake Greenway  
Funding Approved: 400,000  
Specific conditions: Requires project redesign. Funding award contingent on City's agreement to add 5' bicycle lane on 42nd Street, add bicycle boulevard treatment on 40th Street, and a bicycle connection to the 38th Street light rail station.

TLC received 71 applications with funding requests of over \$28 million. We assembled a team of six scorers with expertise in engineering and planning to review and score all the applications. TLC's Bike-Walk Advisory Committee (BWAC) relied on the ranked list from the scorers to make funding recommendations, with discretion at the funding cutoff among projects within three points. The TLC Board reviewed the BWAC recommendations and all comments in determining the slate of awards.

TLC will work with you to negotiate a scope of work with project specifications. There may be specific aspects of your project design that we will discuss with you. Our effort is to foster strong projects that will contribute to the community and model good design for this pilot phase. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us to be on the cutting edge.

The TLC Board identified six general considerations that must be part of an agreed scope of work between TLC and the grantee, in addition to specifications and conditions that may relate specifically to your project. As you know, all grantees will receive their funding through MnDOT's State Aid process and TLC will be working closely with staff at State Aid. Grantees must:

1. Accept a scope of work and specifications that are consistent with AASHTO/MUTCD design standards. In those incidences where such standards cannot be met (e.g. constrained Right-of-Way that does not allow for bike lanes) or are simply not covered (e.g. colored lanes) any proposed experimental treatment should be done in consultation with TLC and with guidance from the Mn/DOT Bicycle Modal Plan (2005).
2. Work with Metro Transit to ensure transit effectiveness
3. Provide TLC with documentation of public process during the planning and/or design stage
4. Work with TLC in outreach efforts, including use of the Bike/Walk Twin Cities logo in communication with the public regarding the project
5. Participate in follow-up with TLC staff regarding the progress of the project
6. Abide by timelines indicated in the solicitation  
(Planning: project completion within 12 months after Notice to Proceed is given by MnDOT;  
Operations: project completion within 24 months after Notice to Proceed is given by MnDOT;  
Infrastructure: project completion within 24 months after Notice to Proceed is given by MnDOT)
7. Participate in planning and training opportunities sponsored by Bike/Walk Twin Cities for pedestrian and bicycle planning & facilities development

After consulting with MnDOT, we understand funds can be available for your project after they have been added to the State Transportation Improvement Program in late September or early October. Prior to beginning work, you will complete a project memo and participate in a kick-off meeting with MnDOT and TLC. More details will follow regarding this process. Please note that all further communications will be by email. We appreciate your cooperation as we move through a challenging schedule involving 30 projects.

Bike/Walk Twin Cities works to empower communities toward more sustainable transportation options. Please consider the following opportunities.

- TLC is sponsoring two workshops on pedestrian issues.

**1. Designing Streets for Pedestrian Safety**

**July 31 and August 1, All day**

**Downtown Minneapolis location**

This is a comprehensive, interactive workshop. For an agenda, please visit the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center Website [www.walkinginfo.org](http://www.walkinginfo.org) and look for the link "Designing Streets for Pedestrian Safety." The workshop is instructed by two top experts in pedestrian safety and design and offered at no cost to participants. Registration is limited and will open in late June. The intended audience is engineers and planners.

**2. Introduction to Pedestrian Safety and Walkability in Urban Environments**

**August 2, Morning only**

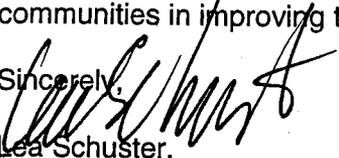
**Downtown Minneapolis location**

This half-day session describes an appealing/safe pedestrian system, focusing on urban (rather than rural or suburban) considerations. It reviews enforcement, education, infrastructure, funding, and partnership strategies. The workshop is instructed by Michael Ronkin, an expert in pedestrian safety and design, and offered at no cost to participants. Registration is limited and will open in late June. The intended audience is planners and citizen advocates.

- All participants in TLC's first solicitation and other interested members of the public are encouraged to help TLC shape the next funding round. Watch for opportunity for offer input in late August or early September. The next funding round is scheduled for early 2008.
- All prospective applicants for the next round of funding are eligible to receive technical assistance from Steve Clark of the TLC staff. His expert consultation will allow applicants to evaluate design options, discuss scoring criteria, and prepare stronger proposals. This opportunity will be announced in fall 2007.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about these opportunities. Transit for Livable Communities and its Bike/Walk Twin Cities program are proud to be working with all the eligible communities in improving the walkability, bikability, and livability of our area.

Sincerely,

  
Lea Schuster,  
Executive Director