

# Transit for Livable Communities

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R.T. Rybak, Mayor  
Barbara Johnson, City Council President  
Minneapolis City Hall  
350 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: Award of grants for pedestrian plan and bicycle parking

Dear Mayor Rybak and Council President Johnson:

We are pleased to inform you that the Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) Board of Directors approved funding for two Direct Award grants to the City of Minneapolis under the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Project (NTP) at its meeting on January 16, 2007. These awards are TLC's first grants under the \$21.5 million NTP program established by federal law in 2005. This funding is intended to increase bicycling and walking and decrease motor vehicle trips. The grants include the following:

- \$150,000 toward the cost of a city-wide pedestrian plan
- \$200,000 for bicycle parking

The TLC Board awarded these two Direct Award grants contingent upon reaching an agreement between TLC and the City on a scope of work for these projects. TLC staff met with Jon Wertjes, Anna Flintoft, Don Pflaum, and Shaun Murphy on February 1, 2007 and reached general consensus on the scope of work for both projects (see attached scope of work).

TLC is also pleased to inform you that we will issue a Request for Proposals for the first of two funding rounds later this week. During this first funding round, \$7.3 million will be available for planning, operations, and infrastructure projects. The City of Minneapolis and other eligible applicants will receive notification by e-mail when application materials can be downloaded from our website.

Sincerely,

Lea Schuster  
Executive Director

cc: Councilmembers Robert Lilligren, Sandy Colvin Roy, Paul Ostrow, Cam Gordon, Diane Hofstede, Don Samuels, Lisa Goodman, Elizabeth Glidden, Gary Schiff, Ralph Remington, Scott Benson, Betsy Hodges  
Jon Wertjes, Director of Traffic and Parking Services, Department of Public Works, City of Minneapolis