



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

**Date:** October 25, 2011

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Referral:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **School Safety Program: Walking and Bicycle Education and Enforcement in North and Northeast Minneapolis**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute agreements with the State of Minnesota for the Preliminary Engineering associated with Safe Routes to School Projects S.P. 141-591-005 and 141-591-006; M.P SRTS 2710 (138) and SRTS 2710 (139)

**Previous Directives:**

None

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**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	NA
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	NA
Policy Review Group (PRG):	NA

**Financial Impact**

Action is within current department

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained, people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background**

The School Safety Program was developed and implemented in July 2005 to improve the safety environment at schools, recognizing that additional safety measures are needed to address the needs of school children while encouraging more walking and biking.

The Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was passed in August 2005 and included Safe(r) Routes to School funding for each state. Safe(r) Routes to School is designed to improve the conditions and quality of bicycling and walking to school. The goal of the program is to reverse the 30 year decline in the numbers of children walking to school and reintroduce opportunities for regular physical activity. An estimated \$8 million dollars has been authorized for Minnesota's Safe(r) Routes to School program during the life of SAFETEA-LU.

This walking and bicycle education and enforcement project in North and Northeast Minneapolis represents the final school safety effort funded by SAFETEA-LU.

**Walking and Bicycle Education and Enforcement in North and Northeast Minneapolis**

This project will conduct walking and bicycle education and enforcement. In addition, funds will be used for the production and distribution of maps outlining preferred walking and biking routes in these areas. The cost of this work (\$62,000) will be covered by Federal funds administered by Mn/DOT. The Mn/DOT agreement gives the City the right to solicit proposals for the Preliminary Engineering work.