



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works and the
Department of Community Planning and Economic Development**

Date: September 27, 2011

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

Referral to: Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair Community Development Committee
Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Franklin Ave LRT Station Area Streetscape (Bloomington to 21st Avenues) and 22nd St Reconstruction Project (Cedar to Minnehaha Avenues) Allocation of funding (CPV028)**

Recommendation:

- A. Decrease Paving Construction capital appropriation in 04100-9010937 project CPV804 by \$180,000 and revenue source 321514 in 04100-9010937 project CPV804.
- B. Authorize allocation of \$180,000 from appropriated Common Project TOD funds at the Franklin LRT Station area (01CAZ-8900320-MCAZ019) for Project CPV028 (Franklin LRT Station Area Streetscape and 22nd Street Reconstruction).
- C. Increase 04100-9010937-CPV028 Franklin/Cedar/Minnehaha Improvement Project and revenue source 321514 in 04100-9010937-CPV028 by \$360,000

Previous Directives:

- June 22, 2001- City Council Resolution 2001R-256 authorizing appropriation of Common Project funds for Franklin LRT Station TOD infrastructure
- July 1, 2005- City Council approved submission of applications for Federal TEA-21 (TIPEDD and TE) grant applications
- June 6, 2008- City Council 2008R-212 approved submission of LCDA grant application to Metropolitan Council
- February 6, 2009- City Council Resolution 2009R-040 approved acceptance and appropriation of the LCDA grant for Franklin Station
- May 8, 2009- City Council authorized executing redevelopment agreement with Seward Redesign for the Franklin Station/Seward Commons project
- December 13, 2010- City Council Resolution 2010R-599, Adopting the 2011- 2015 Five Year Capital Program
- July 1, 2011- City Council Resolution 2011R-352, Project Designation- Reconstruction
- July 1, 2011- City Council Resolution 2011R-353, Project Designation- Street Lighting

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Reviews:

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan:	Not Applicable
Policy review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Action is within current department budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

The Franklin LRT Station Area Streetscape and 22nd Street Reconstruction project was identified in the City's Five Year Capital Improvement Program for construction in 2011 (CPV028).

The area around the Franklin Avenue LRT Station is bolstered by the growing use of the light rail transit line and by planned transit-oriented development (TOD) within the station area, which makes implementing this project's goals with respect to pedestrian, bike and vehicular safety and multi-modal access especially important.

This project has been a collaborative project of Public Works, Community Planning and Economic Development, and other jurisdictional and neighborhood partners that builds upon ten-years of City, Hennepin County and neighborhood-based transportation and land use planning. Cooperation has allowed significant transportation and economic development grant funds to be secured for this project, which will improve multimodal access to the LRT Station from the surrounding neighborhoods, support proposed transit-oriented development near the station, and preserve options for other infrastructure changes in the future; when the area is expected to attract additional growth, increases in multi-modal transportation demand, and more development along Franklin Avenue near the station.

The Franklin Avenue LRT Station Area Streetscape project will consist of improvements to the pedestrian realm from Bloomington Ave S to 21st Ave S. Improvements include the installation of lighting along the corridor and under the Hiawatha and LRT bridges, installing pedestrian countdown crossing timers on the signals, new pedestrian ramps at the intersections, some curb modifications resulting in reduced pedestrian crossing distances, and the installation of boulevard trees. Boulevard trees will also be planted along Cedar Ave south of Franklin to the LRT bridge and lighting will be added under the LRT bridge crossing Cedar Ave.

The 22nd Street reconstruction project replaces a worn out existing street and realigns E 22nd St between Minnehaha Ave and Cedar Ave to provide a new right-in/right-out connection to Cedar Ave. The 22nd St E project will consist of asphalt road surface, relocated underground utilities, curb, gutter, boulevard, trees, signage, storm drains, concrete drives, lighting and sidewalks.

These projects have been in discussions since prior to the opening of the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit line. Through the years of project planning, the scope has been revised and the initial budget did not include sufficient funding for all of the study and design work that is needed. The construction bids came in over the engineer's estimate causing a funding gap of \$360,000. The current combined cost estimate for these projects is \$3,650,000.

Public Works is proposing to partially fill the funding gap by transferring \$180,000 from the Lyndale Avenue South (W 31st St to north of Minnehaha Creek) reconstruction project. This project is near completion and has unspent dollars. Lyndale Avenue South, along with East Franklin Avenue and Cedar Avenue are Hennepin County routes. This transfer is between different projects within the county program.

CPED is recommending that \$180,000 in TOD funds already appropriated for infrastructure design and construction at the Franklin Ave station, and proposed in 2005 as a local match source for several of the secured project grants, also be committed for eligible project costs.

The 22nd St reconstruction project will be partially reimbursed by a Federal Transportation Improvements for Planned Economic Development (TIPED) grant, a Metropolitan Council Livable Community Development Account (LCDA) grant and, Minnesota State Aid funds. The remaining budget is funded by net debt bonds, the CPED Common Project funds, and assessment bonds.

The Franklin Avenue LRT Station Area Streetscape portion of the project will be partially reimbursed by a Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant, a Hennepin County Transit Oriented Development (TOD) grant, and Minnesota State Aid funds. The remaining budget is funded by net debt bonds and the CPED Common Project funds.

Original Budget

Funding Type	Amount
Net Debt Bonds	\$355,000
Municipal State Aid	\$365,000
Paving Special Assessments	\$112,000
Federal Government Grants	\$1,835,000
Other Local Government (LCDA and TOD grants)	\$625,000
Total	\$3,292,000

Additional Funding per this Request

Funding Type	Amount
Municipal State Aid from Lyndale Ave. S Project	\$180,000
Common Project TOD Funds	\$180,000
NEW PROJECT TOTAL	\$3,652,000

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