

**Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department  
Planning Division Report**

**Capital Improvements  
Location and Design Review**

**Date:** August 28, 2014

**Authority for Review:**

**City Charter: Chapter 13, Section 4.** "No public improvements shall be approved or authorized to be constructed in the City, nor indebtedness incurred therefor, until the location and design of the same have been approved by the City Planning Commission, provided in case of disapproval the Commission shall communicate its reason to the City Council, and the majority vote of such body shall be sufficient to overrule such disapproval."

**State Law: Chapter 462.356 (Subd. 2).** "...no publicly owned interest in real property within the municipality shall be acquired or disposed of, nor shall any capital improvement be authorized by the municipality or special district or agency thereof or any other political subdivision having jurisdiction within the municipality until after the planning agency has reviewed the proposed acquisition, disposal, or capital improvement and reported in writing to the governing body or other special district or agency or political subdivision concerned, its findings as to compliance of the proposed acquisition, disposal or improvement with the comprehensive municipal plan."

**Capital Project:** PV109 – Tree Environment Pavement Modifications

**Department Submitting the Project:** Minneapolis Public Works

**Contact Person and Phone:** Bob Carlson, (612) 673-3614

**CPED Planning Staff Person and Phone:** Joseph Bernard, (612) 673-2422

**Proposal Description:** As described in the attached materials

**Conformance with Comprehensive Plan:** This capital project is in conformance with the City's comprehensive plan, as evaluated in the attached materials.

**Recommended Finding:**

Staff recommends that the project is deemed **consistent** with the comprehensive plan, with **no further review required**.

## **Tree Environment Pavement Modifications PV109, Project Summary**

**Project Location:** Various locations throughout the City

**City Sector:** City-wide

**Initial Year in 5 year Plan:** 2014

**Project Start Date:** Summer 2014

**Submitting Department:** Public Works

**Contact Person:** Bob Carlson

**Affected Wards:** Potential all wards

**Affected Neighborhood(s):** City-wide

**Estimated Project Completion Date:** Fall 2015

**Department Priority:** Not available

**Contact Phone Number:** (612) 673-3614

**Prior Year Unspent Balance:** \$0

### **Project Description:**

Removal of "tree coffin" structures and other paved public areas in the downtown area and in other public built-up areas and commercial corridors in Minneapolis, replacing the underlying soil infrastructure and paving surfaces with currently accepted better urban tree environments (with a minimum of 500 cubic feet of planting medium available per tree to support healthy, mature trees), and reforesting the areas with new trees.

### **Purpose and Justification:**

The purpose is to provide viable and healthy forestation in downtown, commercial corridors and other built-up areas in the City. The justification is City Council action of June 27, 2014; attached is a copy of said action.

**Describe status and timing details of secured or applied for grants or other non-City funding sources:** Not Applicable

### **Operations & Capital Asset Maintenance:**

**Is this request for new or existing infrastructure?** It is existing sidewalk with new trees new and soil treatment with potential surface water inlet to soil treatment area.

**What is the useful life of the project/Improvement?** Walking surface 25 years, trees and soil treatment 50 + years.

**What is the estimated annual operating cost increase or (decrease) for this project?** Approaching \$0

**Describe how operating cost impacts were determined. If new infrastructure, also discuss how the department/agency will pay for the increased annual operating cost:** No increase in annual operating cost.

**For new infrastructure, describe the estimated timing and dollar amount of future capital investment that will be necessary to realize the full extended useful life of the project:** Not Applicable.

<b>Project Cost Breakdown by Major Expense (In Thousands)</b>	<u>2014 &amp; 2015</u>
Construction	\$302,000
Administration	\$ 16,000
Total	\$318,000

**Describe how this project contributes to meeting the current City and/or Park Board Goals and Objectives:**

This project contributes to City Goal:

"Great Places; Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected"  
 Iconic, inviting streets, spaces and buildings create a sense of place.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Vision Theme 1:

"Urban Forest, natural areas and waters that endure and captivate."

Goal: Healthy boulevard trees connect all City residents to their park system.

Consistency with *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*:

*Policy 1.4:* Develop and maintain strong and successful commercial and mixed use areas with a wide range of character and functions to serve the needs of current and future users.

*1.4.2* Promote standards that help make commercial districts and corridors desirable, viable, and distinctly urban, including: diversity of activity, safety for pedestrians, access to desirable goods and amenities, attractive streetscape elements, density and variety of uses to encourage walking, and architectural elements to add interest at the pedestrian level.

*Policy 2.10:* Support the development of a multi-modal Downtown transportation system that encourages an increasingly dense and vibrant regional center.

*2.10.4* Improve the pedestrian environment Downtown to ensure it is a safe, enjoyable, and accessible place to walk. Encourage strategies such as wider sidewalks for pedestrian movement, trees, landscaping, street furniture, improved transit facilities, additional bicycle facilities, and on-street parking and other curbside uses.

**Provide the date that Location and Design Review was conducted for the project, the outcome of that analysis and the date formal action was taken by the Planning Commission:**

Location and design review will take place in 2014.

**Describe any collaborative arrangements with outside project partners, including who they are and what is their role is with the project.**

We have a collaboration with Park Board Forestry who locate where trees are to planted and supply and plant the trees.

**Scalability/Funding Allocation Flexibility – discuss and flexibility to increase or decrease funding among the years in the five-year plan and the most that could be spent in a given year:**

This project is flexible and dependent on the amount of dollars to be spent; more funding more trees installed at various locations, less funding less trees installed.

**Describe project completion status for ongoing projects and plans for unspent balances or if this is a new project, describe the major project phases and timing anticipated for completing the project:**

This is a new project and is anticipated to be completed by Fall of 2015.

**Add any additional supplement information you feel is important for the CLIC committee, Mayor, City Council members or the general public to know about this potential project and why it should be approved:**

This project did not go through the CLIC review process, yet it was fund by City Council on June27th, 2014.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2014

(Published July 5, 2014, in *Finance and Commerce*)

Council Vice President Glidden called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in the Council Chamber, a quorum being present.

Present - Council Members Kevin Reich, Cam Gordon, Jacob Frey, Blong Yang, Abdi Warsame, Lisa Goodman, Elizabeth Glidden, Alondra Cano, Lisa Bender, John Quincy, Andrew Johnson, Linea Palmisano, President Barbara Johnson.

On motion by Glidden, seconded, the agenda was adopted.

On motion by Glidden, seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2014, were adopted.

On motion by Glidden, seconded, the petitions, communications, and reports of the City officers were referred to the proper Council committees and departments.

The following reports were signed by Mayor Betsy Hodges on July 2, 2014. Minnesota Statutes, Section 331A.01, Subd 10, allows for summary publication of ordinances and resolutions in the official newspaper of the city. A complete copy of each summarized ordinance and resolution is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES Committee submitted the following reports:**

**CD&RS** – Your Committee, having under consideration the issuance of revenue bonds on behalf of Building Blocks for the Commons at Penn Avenue Project, a proposed four-story, mixed use housing project at 1823 Penn Ave N and 2201-21 Golden Valley Rd, to be combined with properties that Building Blocks owns at 2213-21 Golden Valley Rd, now recommends passage of Resolution 2014R-270 giving final approval to the issuance of up to \$5.6 million in Tax-Exempt Multi-family Housing Entitlement Revenue Bonds for said project.

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the appropriation for the Health Department in the Grants-Other Fund (01600-8600152) by \$128,662 and increasing the revenue estimate (01600-8600152-321507) by \$128,662.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Frey, Gordon, Yang, Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, Palmisano, President Johnson (11)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Warsame, A. Johnson (2)

The report and resolution were adopted.

**HE&CE & W&M** - Your Committee, having under consideration financial recommendations from the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission as follows:

Abandoning three capital projects for City Property Reforestation totaling \$450,000 of which \$6,859.66 in costs have been incurred leaving an appropriation balance of \$443,140.34 to fund new capital projects as follows:

- a) \$393,140.34 for removal of “tree coffin” structures and other paved public areas in the downtown area and in other public built-up areas and commercial corridors in Minneapolis, replacing the underlying soil infrastructure and paving surfaces with currently accepted better urban tree environments (with a minimum of 500 cubic feet of planting medium available per tree to support healthy, mature trees), and reforesting the areas with new trees;
- b) \$50,000 to be allocated to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the planting of fruit and nut tree groves in public parks; and
- c) Passage of the accompanying resolutions amending capital budget resolutions and bonding resolutions to reflect the above reallocation of funds;

now recommends:

**HE&CE - Sent forward without recommendation.**

**W&M** - Amending the recommendations forwarded by the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission by allocating \$75,000 of the \$393,140.34 proposed for the removal of “tree coffins” to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the grinding and removal of tree stumps as part of the Ash Tree Replacement Program as follows:

- a) ~~\$393,140.34~~ \$318,140.34 for removal of “tree coffin” structures and other paved public areas in the downtown area and in other public built-up areas and commercial corridors in Minneapolis, replacing the underlying soil infrastructure and paving surfaces with currently accepted better urban tree environments (with a minimum of 500 cubic feet of planting medium available per tree to support healthy, mature trees), and reforesting the areas with new trees;
- b) \$75,000 to be allocated to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the grinding and removal of tree stumps as part of the Ash Tree Replacement Program;
- c) \$50,000 to be allocated to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the planting of fruit and nut tree groves in public parks; and

d) Passage of Resolutions 2014R-279 and 2014R-280 amending capital budget resolutions and bonding resolutions to reflect the above reallocation of funds.

On motion by Gordon, seconded, the report was amended to approve the recommendation of the Ways & Means Committee.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Frey, Gordon, Yang, Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, Palmisano, President Johnson (11)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Warsame, A. Johnson (2)

The amended report and resolutions were adopted.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolutions.

**RESOLUTION 2014R-279**  
**By Gordon and Quincy**

**Amending The 2014 Capital Appropriation Resolution.**

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by abandoning three capital projects designated CTY1202, CTY1302 and CTY1402 for City Property Reforestation totaling \$450,000, of which \$6,859.66 in costs have been incurred leaving an appropriation balance of \$443,140.34, and amending the following Capital Budget Resolutions to fund additional capital projects:

a) Capital Resolution 2011R-660 entitled "Adopting the 2012 - 2016 Five Year Capital Program and fixing the maximum amounts for 2012 to be expended by the various funds under the jurisdiction of the City Council", passed December 14, 2011, by reducing the appropriation for 04100-9010923-CTY02 City Property Reforestation (CTY1202) by \$143,140.34 and adding a \$50,000 project appropriation to the Park Board in 14300-9101000 for Park Fruit and Nut Trees (910AP698), a \$75,000 project appropriation increase in 14300-9101000 to the Ash Tree Replacement Program, and the balance of \$18,140.34 to a new project appropriation in 04100-9010937 Tree Environment Pavement Modifications (PV109);

b) Capital Resolution 2012R-655 entitled "Adopting the 2013 - 2017 Five Year Capital Program and fixing the maximum amounts for 2013 to be expended by the various funds under the jurisdiction of the City Council", passed December 12, 2012, by reducing the appropriation for 04100-9010923-CTY02 City Property Reforestation (CTY1302) by \$150,000 and adding \$150,000 to the project appropriation in 04100-9010937 Tree Environment Pavement Modifications (PV109); and

c) Capital Resolution 2013R-573 entitled "Adopting the 2014 - 2018 Five Year Capital Program and fixing the maximum amounts for 2014 to be expended by the various funds under the jurisdiction of the City Council", passed December 11, 2013, by reducing the appropriation for

04100-9010923-CTY02 City Property Reforestation (CTY1402) by \$150,000 and adding \$150,000 to the project appropriation in 04100-9010937 Tree Environment Pavement Modifications (PV109).

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Frey, Gordon, Yang, Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, Palmisano, President Johnson (11)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Warsame, A. Johnson (2)

The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2014R-280**

**By Gordon and Quincy**

**Amending Resolutions 2011R-663, 2012R-658, and 2013R-576 relating to requests that the Board of Estimate and Taxation incur indebtedness and issue and sell assessment bonds for certain purposes other than the purchase of public utilities.**

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That Resolutions 2011R-663, 2012R-658, and 2013R-576 be amended as follows:

a) Resolution 2011R-663 entitled "Requesting that the Board of Estimate and Taxation incur indebtedness and issue and sell City of Minneapolis bonds in the amount of \$26,000,000 for certain purposes other than the purchase of public utilities", passed December 14, 2011, by reducing the bonding request for CTY02 City Property Reforestation (CTY1202) by \$143,140.34 and adding a \$50,000 bonding request for Park Fruit and Nut Trees (910AP698), a \$75,000 bonding request for the Ash Tree Replacement Program, and an \$18,140.34 bonding request for Tree Environment Pavement Modifications (PV109);

b) Resolution 2012R-658 entitled "Requesting that the Board of Estimate and Taxation incur indebtedness and issue and sell City of Minneapolis bonds in the amount of \$40,245,000 for certain purposes other than the purchase of public utilities", passed December 12, 2012, by reducing the bonding request for CTY02 City Property Reforestation (CTY1302) by \$150,000 and adding a \$150,000 bonding request for Tree Environment Pavement Modifications (PV109); and

c) Resolution 2013R-576 entitled "Requesting that the Board of Estimate and Taxation incur indebtedness and issue and sell City of Minneapolis bonds in the amount of \$31,715,000 for certain purposes other than the purchase of public utilities", passed December 11, 2013, by reducing the bonding request for CTY02 City Property Reforestation (CTY1402) by \$150,000 and adding a \$150,000 bonding request for Tree Environment Pavement Modifications (PV109).

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Reich, Frey, Gordon, Yang, Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, Palmisano, President Johnson (11)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Warsame, A. Johnson (2)

The resolution was adopted.