



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

Date: December 10, 2013

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

Subject: **Cooperative Agreement with MnDOT for Triangle Park Landscaping Improvements.**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City officials to execute a cooperative agreement letter with MnDOT to act as the sponsoring unit of government, enabling funds to be transferred from the "MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program" to Friends of Triangle Park for landscaping improvements in Triangle Park.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: _____
Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenter in Committee: Andrew Carlson, Project Manager-Special Service Districts

Reviews: Not Applicable

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the City. The MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program is a reimbursement program that will award funds to the Friends of Triangle Park (a local non-profit) who will purchase the trees and shrubs that will be planted by volunteers in the park next spring.

Community Impact:

- **Neighborhood Notification:** Not required
- **City Goals:** The City's infrastructure will be well-maintained; streets will be destinations.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** Consistent
- **Zoning Code:** Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation's Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program provides technical and financial assistance to communities that are interested in landscaping state highway right of way. In order to be eligible for funds through the program, applicants must be

sponsored by a local unit of government that can execute and honor a cooperative agreement with MnDOT.

The Friends of Triangle Park (a local non-profit) has requested that the City act as the sponsor so that they can proceed with their application to request reimbursement for the trees and shrubs they intend to purchase and plant in Triangle Park in spring 2014. Triangle Park is owned by MnDOT and is bounded by 10th Street South and I-35W on and off ramps. Since 2007, The Friends of Triangle Park have volunteered their time and resources to help beautify and maintain the park.

The Friends of Triangle Park have been working with the MnDOT, Minneapolis Public Works and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to develop the attached landscaping plan. The group has also raised the funds necessary to purchase the landscaping materials indicated on the plan. The cost for the landscaping materials is approximately \$7,500. The planting will be done by volunteers. Applications for spring planting must be submitted to MnDOT by December 31, 2013.