



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

Date: July 14, 2015

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Preferred Long-Term Vision for East Downtown Pedestrian Realm
Augmentation Study

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City officials to execute an agreement to reimburse Ryan Companies up to \$50,000 for construction of City infrastructure according to the terms identified.

Previous Directives:

June 19, 2015 – City Council approval of the concepts presented as the DRAFT Preferred Long-Term Vision dated April 3, 2015 as the Preferred Long-Term Vision.

Department Information

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval _N/A_ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval _N/A_ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval _N/A_ Date _____

Financial Impact

Action is within the approved capital budget.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not applicable

City Goals

Living Well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life

A Hub of Economic Activity and Innovation: Businesses – big and small – start, move, stay and grow here

Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.

Background and Supporting Information

Public Works has been working with Ryan Companies to implement elements of the Downtown East Preferred Long-Term Vision in conjunction with construction of the Downtown East Phase I Planned Unit Development. Ryan is willing to work with the City to modify their approved site plan and instead construct improvements that are consistent with the Vision, if the City funds the cost of making the changes and if changes can be made without an impact to their schedule. By constructing the changes in conjunction with the development, the City will avoid future costs, prevent future disruption, and avoid tearing out newly constructed infrastructure. Public Works has worked with Ryan to identify the infrastructure that will be constructed by City crews and the infrastructure elements that make sense for Ryan to construct. To facilitate the understanding that has been reached between the parties, Public Work recommends execution of an agreement with Ryan that includes the following terms:

1. Ryan Companies and the City (Public Works) will work collaboratively to construct the East Downtown Pedestrian Augmentation Vision elements that are feasible for construction as part of the Downtown East Phase I Planned Unit Development, and specifically the Wells Fargo Towers.
2. The City will fund up to \$50,000 for City-requested changes to City infrastructure included within Ryan's approved site plan for the Wells Fargo Towers.
3. The Downtown East Phase I Planned Unit Development will be amended to reflect the changes.
4. All other conditions of Ryan's site plan approval will be unaffected by this agreement.

The improvements included in this agreement will be installed adjacent to the Wells Fargo Towers and will include wider sidewalks, pedestrian bumpouts on 4th Street at 5th Avenue, Portland Avenue, and Park Avenue, and a protected bikeway on Portland Avenue. Funds will be provided by the Development Infrastructure Program (PV075). The estimated total cost of modification to the infrastructure associated with the Wells Fargo site plan is approximately \$200,000.

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