

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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File Type: Resolution
Subcategory: City Policies

Subject:
Transit Access Project

Description:
Passage of Resolution calling for jurisdictional partners of the Transit Access Project to continue to work together to secure funding for and implement public art as part of the Transit Access Project.

Previous Actions:

June 5, 2015 – Council action – Authorized application submittal for TIGER 2015 grant to be used to implement the 35W Transit Access Project. The application will be a joint application between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County. If secured, the grant funding will be equally applied to the costs for local project elements.

November 14, 2014 – Council action – Authorized application submittal for federal transportation funds through the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation Program for High Quality Connection between Orange Line Transit Station at Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities.

September 25, 2012 – Council Resolution 2012R-495 – Supporting the project elements of the 35W Transit Access Project in cooperation with Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Council.

January 29, 2010 - Council action – Authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County for cost participation in the 30% design of a transit station and improved access at Lake Street and I-35W.

December 7, 2007 - Council action – Authorized to negotiate, execute and cost participate in developing a new proposal focused on developing a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street.

December 7, 2007 - Council Resolution 2007R-640 – Supporting the development of a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street as part of the I-35W access improvements and Lake Street Reconstruction.

January 30th 2004 - Resolution 2004R-039 – Approval of Concept Plans for the I-35W Lake Street Access Project in South Minneapolis.

Ward/Address:
Wards 6, 8, 9 10

Background/Analysis:

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Metro Transit are currently engaged in developing the I-35W Transit Access Project. The project includes a transit station near Lake Street, a high quality connection between Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway, a south-bound exit ramp from I-35W to Lake Street and a north-bound exit ramp from I-35W to 28th St.

As part of project development, the partner agencies worked with the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to develop a Public Art Framework which is intended to guide public officials, architects, landscape architects, artists, engineers and the public in creating a high quality, socially relevant and meaningfully inclusive artistic environment in and around the I-35W and Lake Street transit station area. On October 24, 2013 the PAC unanimously approved the following resolution:

The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) supports the Public Art Framework for the I-35W Transit Access Project, acknowledging that issues related to funding and maintenance need to be resolved.

As noted in the PAC's resolution, securing funding to implement public art remains a challenge. Because public art continues to be a high priority for the City and for its constituents, it makes sense for the project partners to continue working together to explore ways to secure funding and incorporate public art into this regionally significant, once in a lifetime, major infrastructure investment.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. PAC Letter dated March 26, 2015.
2. Public Art Framework Document: <http://www.35lake.com/public-art-framework/>