



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

Date: September 14, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: none

Subject: RFP for City-Wide Transportation Action Plan Study

Recommendation:

1. Authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals to solicit consultant proposals for the Transportation Action Plan study
2. Evaluate the proposals and select the suitable candidate for the study and make recommendation to the City Council.

Previous Directives:

- April 2, 2004 Resolution 2004R-139 -- Appropriated \$300,000 for city-wide transportation planning
- June 8, 2004 TPW receive & file about study goals and timeline

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

\$300,000 was allocated in the 2004 Public Works Budget, Public Works continues to seek additional resources from other project partners.

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Public Works has created a Project Steering Committee with its partners (Metro Transit, Met Council, Hennepin County, MnDOT, FHWA, and Minneapolis CPED) and has met several times to discuss, develop and review a draft RFP that can jointly meet the City's and its partners needs.

A phased study approach is planned to align with the project finances. Public Works has been seeking matching funds and respective agreements with its partners. These agreements are expected to be brought forward for the City Council approval at the same time as the consultant selection recommendation.

Public Works has met with the Permanent Review Committee (PRC) and has incorporated their suggestions.

The project schedule is proposed schedule as follows:

A. TPW approval to issue RFP	September 14, 2004
B. City Council approval/authorization to send out RFP:	September 24, 2004
C. RFP posted on City web site and mailed week of:	September 27, 2004
D. Proposals due:	October 2004
E. Execute contract and begin:	December 2004
F. Interim Report to TP&W:	Spring, 2005
G. Work Session with City Council:	Summer, 2005
H. Complete draft plan document:	November, 2005
I. Public review of plan:	Dec 2005 – Mar 2006
J. Complete final plan document:	March 2006
K. City Council approval of plan:	

Overview of Study:

A balanced, linked and sustainable multi-modal transportation system is vital to maintain the quality of life in downtown and throughout the City of Minneapolis, to safely provide access to land uses, and to provide mobility options for all residents, workers and visitors. The intention of the Minneapolis *"Mobility Minneapolis" Transportation Action Plan* is to develop a ten-year implementation plan and 1-2 year immediate action steps that prioritizes the 2030 transportation needs of the City of Minneapolis and identifies specific actions required to begin addressing those long-term needs. *"Mobility Minneapolis"* will be the vehicle for implementing the policies of *The Minneapolis Plan*, which envisions a "transit first" transportation system that is multi-modal, interconnected and supports a pedestrian-friendly urban community. *"Mobility Minneapolis"* is intended to identify the transportation actions needed to realize the following vision for the City:

- A vibrant mix of uses including residential, commercial, services, retail, public spaces, and cultural, entertainment, research and learning opportunities that create a sustainable and livable community now and in the future.
- An urban pedestrian-oriented place that is characterized by ease of access, placemaking, and manageable congestion by vehicles.
- An interconnected, multi-modal transportation system that sustains the above character, both downtown and citywide, while connecting to the larger region and state.

An Action Plan is needed for several reasons, including but not limited to:

- Introduction of rail transit service.
- Substantial recent growth and redevelopment, both commercial and residential, in downtown Minneapolis.
- Twin Cities metropolitan region will continue to grow.
- Examine ways to improve use of the existing transportation system.
- Strong transit and roadway connections between the City and the region are critical to maintaining an economically healthy city, region and state.

Cc: Project Steering Committee