



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: August 25, 2010

To: PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH NICE RIDE MINNESOTA
TO EXPAND THE NICE RIDE BIKE SHARE NETWORK TO NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to contract with Nice Ride Minnesota for \$228,500 from fund/department 01300-8600130 for the period of September 13, 2010 to no later than March 31, 2012 to expand the current "Nice Ride bike share" network into North Minneapolis.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval Not Applicable _____

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable

Presenters in Committee: Kristen Klingler, Coordinator, Communities Putting Prevention to Work

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

City Goals Livable Communities, Healthy Lives

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department is requesting authorization to contract with Nice Ride Minnesota to expand the current "Nice Ride bike share" network into North Minneapolis. Funding for the project is through the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant (part of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009).

An expanded system would help to connect North Minneapolis neighborhoods and residents with downtown and other parts of the city that currently have the bike share network in place. The contract period would start in September 2010 and end after implementation of bike share kiosks in North Minneapolis (no later than March 2012, the end of grant funding). The contract with Nice Ride Minnesota is \$228,500 (including \$28,500 for a site planning process and a community engagement

process, and \$200,000 for purchase and installation of new kiosks by Nice Ride Minnesota). Nice Ride Minnesota has successfully implemented Phase 1 of a bike share program in Minneapolis in May 2010 and is now working to expand the system into other parts of the city and region, and CPED has an existing \$1.7 million contract with them to complete Phase 1 of the Nice Ride project. The department would like to expand upon this existing relationship and previous work in order to establish the bike share system in North Minneapolis and connect it to the existing network.

A request was made to PRC for a waiver to bypass the competitive RFP process normally required for contracts greater than \$50,000. This request was approved on July 29, 2010 contingent upon approval from the federal grant funder (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). That approval was granted on August 10, 2010.