



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

**Date:** June 24, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Central Corridor Memorandum of Understanding**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City officers to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Metropolitan Council, Regents of the University of Minnesota, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, and Hennepin County ("Parties") for the purpose of defining the scope and commitment of the Parties to the Central Corridor Project mitigation issues and provide further direction to develop a second MOU which will define and detail specific design, construction, and operation issues related to the Project.

**Previous Directives:**

- June 20, 2008, Approval of Preliminary Design Plans
- June 16, 2006: Resolution 2006R-342, Recommending Light Rail Transit for the Central Corridor.
- June 16, 2006: Approve summary comments and final detailed comments on the draft EIS regarding the Central Corridor Project.

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**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Presenters:** Peter Wagenius, Mayor's Office

**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	Date	N/A
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	Date	N/A
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	Date	N/A

**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
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): Financial commitments of the Parties will be further refined in the second MOU
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact**

**Neighborhood Notification:** Nothing required at this time

**City Goals:** Consistent

**Comprehensive Plan:** Consistent

**Zoning Code:** Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information:**

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit project is an 11-mile LRT line connecting downtown Minneapolis and Downtown St Paul and linking with the Hiawatha LRT line and the new Northstar Commuter Rail line.

The Metropolitan Council prepared Preliminary Design Plans for the Central Corridor LRT and submitted these plans to the City on April 28, 2008 for approval or disapproval as provided by law and commonly described as Municipal Consent. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.3994, the City held a public hearing and received testimony on these plans on June 3, 2008. On June 20, 2008, the City Council passed a resolution approving the Preliminary Design Plans.

The resolution included an acknowledgment that the Parties would work closely together to establish an MOU to resolve remaining issues related to the transit mall and traffic mitigation that were not resolved when the Preliminary Design Plans were being considered. The Public Works Department and the Mayor's Office have negotiated an agreement with the Parties and are recommending the adoption of the attached MOU document.

Attachments: Central Corridor MOU

Exhibit A – Project Elements

Exhibit B – Mitigation Measures

Exhibit C – Betterments