



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

Date: May 20, 2008

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **2nd Avenue S, Project 6739 and Marquette Avenue, Project 6740 (1st St to 12th St) Transit Project: Street Reconstruction Designation, Cost Estimate, and Set Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

- 1(a) Passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets and improvements proposed to be made in the 2nd Avenue S and Marquette Avenue Transit Project – Street Reconstruction.

- 1(b) Adoption of a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$32.166 Million and the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2008 Uniform Assessment Rates and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held on July 15, 2008 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee

These Resolutions may be authorized for summary publication.

Previous Directives:

- May 16, 2008 - Direct the City Engineer to proceed with a formal request for a variance from State Aid Rules in order to allow the City of Minneapolis to let bids prior to receiving final State Aid approval on the Marquette and 2nd Avenue Transit Project
- May 2, 2008 - Authorize negotiation and approval of a Subrecipient Agreement with the Metropolitan Council, the designated recipient of the Urban Partnership Agreement FTA funds
- April 4, 2008 – Authorized Public Works to negotiate with private property owners to acquire and execute easements
- April 4, 2008 – Passed Resolution designating areaway improvements
- April 4, 2008 – Set a public hearing to be held on May 20 to consider abandonment and removal of areaways in conflict with the project and directing staff to give notice in accordance with Section 95.90 of Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
- April 4, 2008 – Accepted URS proposal for design and construction administration services
- March 21, 2008 – Approved preliminary cross-section and layout
- December 21, 2007 – Authorized negotiation and execution of a Subrecipient application with the Metropolitan Council, the designated recipient of the Urban Partnership Agreement FTA funds
- December 21, 2007 – Authorized Public Works to proceed with the Marquette and Second Avenue Transit Project design work

- December 21, 2007 – Authorized development and issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to assist with design and construction management services in support of the Marquette and Second Avenue Transit Project
- June 29, 2007 – Approved Downtown Action Plan

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Reviews

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

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):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

- **Neighborhood Notification** – Meetings are currently being held with property owners and other downtown stakeholders. A letter has been sent by Mn/DOT and Metropolitan Council to property owners and building managers along Marquette and 2nd Avenue to announce the project. City staff also sent a follow-up letter announcing a public meeting and initiating discussions with property owners/managers. A communications plan is being prepared for the final design and construction process. Meetings are currently being held with property owners and other downtown stakeholders.
- **City Goals** – meets the goals of:
 - A Safe Place to Call Home
 - The city's infrastructure will be well-maintained
 - Connected Communities
 - Connected network of transportation options
 - Streets will be destinations
 - Enriched Environment
 - Energy into renewable and alternative energy
 - Fully implement the City's Sustainable Work Plan

- **Comprehensive Plan** – Implements the transportation policies set forth in the city's comprehensive plan and the actions approved in the Downtown Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan

Background/Supporting Information:

The Downtown Action Plan, which was approved by City Council on June 29, 2007, includes reconstruction of Marquette and 2nd Avenues to incorporate two transit lanes on each street. The plan also calls for wider sidewalks, additional transit passenger waiting facilities and additional streetscape.

In April 2007 Mn/DOT and Metropolitan Council submitted an application for Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) federal funding – a new funding program targeted toward congestion reduction through transit improvements, tolling/congestion pricing, technology and telecommuting. The Marquette and 2nd Avenue Transit Project is included in this grant application. In August 2007 the Twin Cities was selected to receive a UPA grant. This \$133 million grant includes the Marquette and Second Avenue Transit Project with a stipulation that all work must be completed by December 31, 2009.

Designate the location streets and improvements to be made.

The purpose of this letter is to designate the location, streets and improvements and establish the special assessment improvement proceedings for street reconstruction.

The location of the street reconstruction project is 2nd Avenue S from 1st Street to 12th Street. Second Avenue S at this location is MSA S.P. 141-210-19. Marquette Avenue reconstruction is from 1st Street to 12th Street. Marquette Avenue at this location is MSA S.P. 141-189-14. The proposed transit project includes pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm drain, signals, lighting, signing, striping and related items and work including right-of-way acquisition as necessary.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 8 of the City Charter, submitted herewith is a list of parcels with owner's names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for the 2nd Avenue S and Marquette Avenue Transit Project - Street Reconstruction.

The estimated cost for the 2nd Avenue S and Marquette Avenue Transit Project is \$32.166 Million.

The street reconstruction special assessments would be determined by applying the 2008 Uniform Assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved streets. The 2008 Uniform Assessment Rates are as follows:

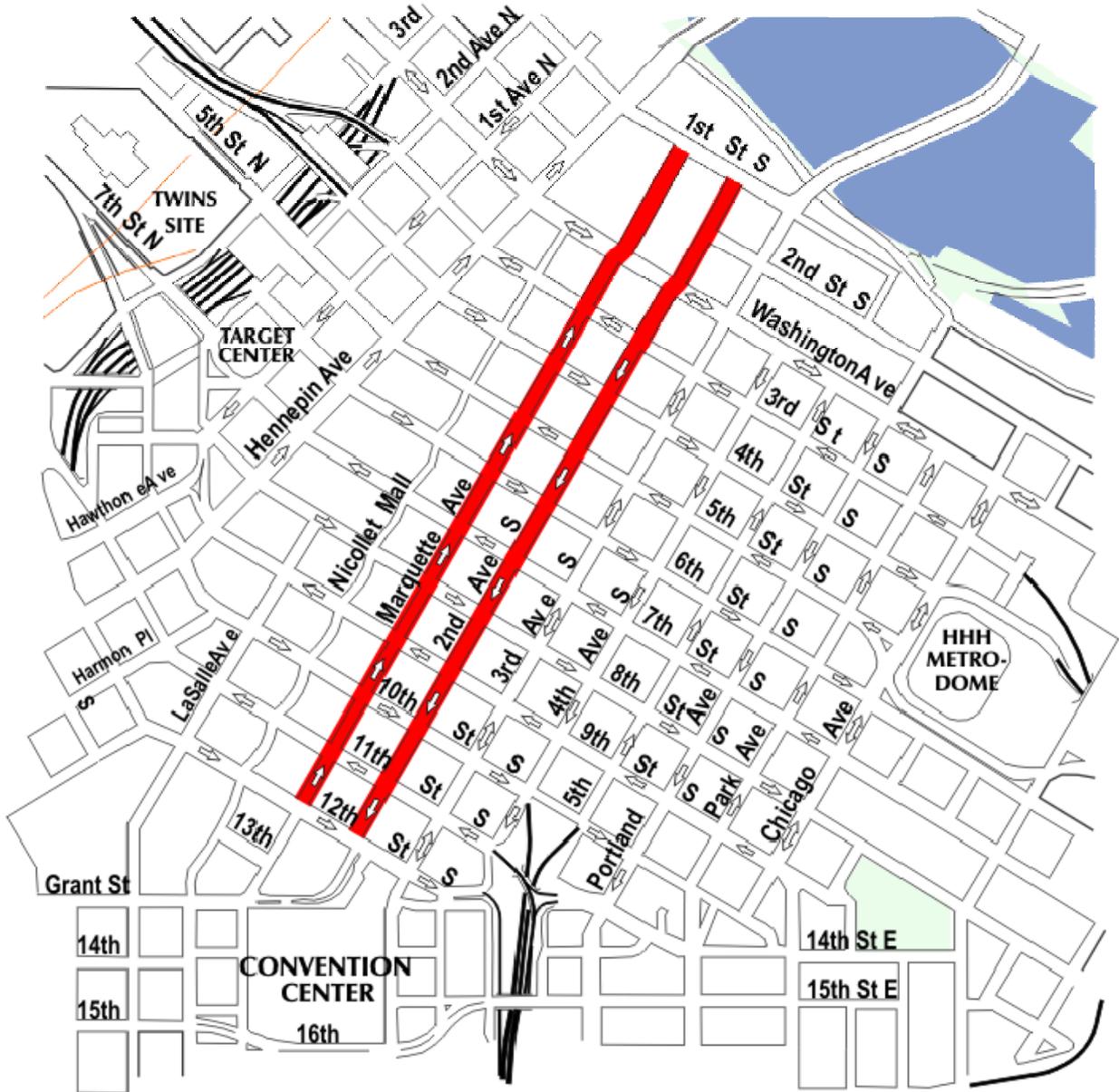
- Reconstruction – Other – Non Residential \$1.67
- Reconstruction – Other – Residential \$0.51

Attachment 1 – Project Map

Cc: Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

ATTACHMENT 1

PROJECT MAP
Marquette Avenue S and 2nd Avenue S Transit Project



— Project



T&PW - Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution and its accompanying Committee Report, designating the location and streets to be improved in the 2nd Avenue S and Marquette Avenue Transit Project – Street Reconstruction, Special Improvement of Existing Street No 6739 and 6740.

By Colvin Roy

**2ND AVENUE S AND MARQUETTE AVENUE TRANSIT PROJECT
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING
STREET No 6739 and STREET No 6740**

Designating the improvement of certain existing streets at the locations described hereinafter.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the following existing streets within the City of Minneapolis are hereby designated to be improved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter, by paving with asphalt on a stabilized base for automotive lanes and concrete on a stabilized base for Transit lanes, concrete curb and gutter and including other street paving related improvements as needed.

Both sides of Marquette Avenue (1st Street South to 12th Street South) and both sides of 2nd Avenue S (1st Street South to 12th Street South)

T&PW – Your committee, having received a cost estimate of \$32.166 Million for street reconstruction improvements for the Transit Project and a list of benefited properties for certain locations in the 2nd Avenue S and Marquette Avenue Transit Project, Special Improvement of Existing Streets No. 6739 and 6740, as designated by Resolution 2008R-____passed June 6, 2008, now recommends that the City Engineer be directed to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2008 Uniform Assessment Rates as per Resolution 2008R-043 passed February 1, 2008.

Your Committee further recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on July 15, 2008 in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to consider approving the reconstruction of the above designated street locations, and to consider the amount proposed to be assessed to each benefited property and the amount to be funded by the City.