



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: December 9, 2010

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden

Referral to: Committee of the Whole

Subject: Amendment to the 2011 Legislative Agenda, Bonding Section

Recommendation: Add two items to the Bonding section of the Agenda and Reorder the priority of the items

Previous Directives: City Council passed the 2010 Bonding Priorities in the summer of 2009.

Department Information

Prepared by: IGR Staff Approved by: Gene Ranieri, Director, Intergovernmental Relations Presenters in Committee: Pierre Willette, Senior Government Relations Rep.

Supporting Information:

At the end of the 2010 legislative Session, Minneapolis was successful in securing funds for its top two bonding requests to the State of Minnesota. The City received funding for the Northtown Railway Bridge and the apparatus bays at Emergency Training and Operations Center. The City's third priority, Granary Road was funded by the legislature but unfortunately vetoed by Governor Pawlenty.

While the work to put together the City's 2011 legislative agenda was nearly complete IGR staff received word that legislative committee staff were working on a large bonding bill. Even though 2011 is not a traditional bonding year, IGR staff felt that it might be wise to ask our departments if there were any additional bonding requests they would consider adding to the agenda. After much discussion with staff and the appropriate City Council Chairs IGR Staff is recommending the addition of two bridge rehabilitation projects to the City's bonding priorities.

Much of the bonding bill discussion occurred before the massive change in the legislature and one could argue that it is unlikely that any bonding bill will be passed this session let alone a large one. However, it is staff's recommendation that even if the chances for a bonding bill are diminished by the change in legislative leadership, the addition of solid infrastructure projects that serve a clear regional purpose and that could be begun quickly would be prudent move.

It is also our recommendation that we add the Plymouth Avenue and 10th Avenue bridges to the agenda and reorder the existing priority with them listed as #1 and #3 respectively.

Financial Impact:

- Action could requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget
 - Dept Name: Public Works
 - Fund Name: CAPITOL
 - Project Names & Numbers: 10th Avenue Bridge Arch Rehabilitation-BR111
Plymouth Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation