



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

Date: December 2, 2008

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

Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Minnesota Department of Transportation Advance Construction Agreement for the University of Minnesota SCOOT Project.**

Recommendation:

- a. Proper City Officials be directed to execute an Advance Construction Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) to allow Mn/DOT to act as the City's agent in accepting federal aid for the University of Minnesota SCOOT Project.
- b. Adopt resolution appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as the City's agent in accepting federal aid funds for eligible transportation-related projects.

Previous Directives:

None

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Reviews

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

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): Future funding for operation and maintenance will be required
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

In 2003, the City applied for and received \$1,625,000 dollars of federal aid through the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality to improve signal operations at 39 intersections in the University of Minnesota East Campus area. The construction for the project was estimated to start in early 2009. The City currently is working towards letting the project sometime this December. Since the approval of the initial funding request, the federal funding available for this project has been increased to \$2,112,663.

The agreement between the City and Mn/DOT is for Advance Construction because the amount of federal funds for this project exceeds \$2,000,000. Mn/DOT is requesting that the City sign the Advance Construction agreement so that this project does not adversely impact Mn/DOT's Obligation Authority. The project will be converted to "real" funds as payment requests are made.

Cc: Don Elwood, Public Works
Grants and Special Projects

RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

Appointing the Commissioner of Transportation as agent of the City of Minneapolis and entering into an agreement to accept federal aid funds for eligible transportation-related projects

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the City of Minneapolis to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation-related projects.

Be It Further Resolved that the proper City officers are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Minneapolis, to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 93633," a copy of which said agreement was before the City Council and which is made a part hereof by reference.