



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

**Date:** November 18, 2014

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Referral:** Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways & Means Committee

**Subject:** **Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar Master Funding Agreement with Metropolitan Council**

### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper city officers to extend the term of the master funding agreement with Metropolitan Council for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

### **Previous Directives:**

December 6, 2013 – City council authorized a master funding agreement with the Metropolitan Council to conduct environmental review and pre-project development activities for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

### **Department Information:**

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Presenters in Committee: Anna Flintoft

### **Financial Impact**

- None. Action is within the current project budget.

### **Community Impact**

- City Goals: Jobs & Economic Vitality - Planes, trains and streetcars move goods and workers smartly; Strong commercial corridors, thriving business corners. Livable Communities, Healthy Lives - Equitable, integrated transit system.

## **Supporting Information**

In October 2013, the City Council approved a recommended locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the corridor as modern streetcar running between Lake Street and at least 5th Street NE on Nicollet Avenue, Nicollet Mall and Hennepin/1st Avenues, using the Hennepin Avenue bridge to cross the Mississippi River. The Council also authorized the next phase of study, which is to conduct an Environmental Assessment and Section 106 Review for the recommended modern streetcar project. That work is under way and being guided by a project management team that includes the City of Minneapolis and Metropolitan Council.

To support that work, the City Council authorized a master funding agreement with the Metropolitan Council to conduct environmental review and pre-project development activities for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. The term of that contract ends December 31, 2014; however, the Environmental Assessment and Section 106 Review are expected to continue through mid-2015.

Therefore, staff recommends that the term of the master funding agreement with Metropolitan Council for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project extend from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015.