



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

Date: October 9, 2007

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

Referral to: None

Subject: Sidewalk easement, 5339-5341 Minnehaha Avenue

Recommendation: Approve acceptance of a sidewalk easement deed from MDI Limited Partnership #64 at no cost to the City of Minneapolis.

Previous Directives: None

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

 X 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

Background/Supporting Information.

This condominium project, commonly known as Vantage Flats, is being developed at 5339-5341 Minnehaha Avenue, adjacent to the Metro Transit Light Rail Line.

Through the development review process, it was determined that it would be preferable that the project include an outside boulevard abutting the rail line and traffic lane. This would require that the pedestrian sidewalk be moved back onto property owned by MDI Limited Partnership #64, and would also require that the City of Minneapolis obtain a perpetual easement to use that area for sidewalk purposes.

The site plan received final approval on July 22, 2007, and an easement deed was offered to the City of Minneapolis by MDI Limited Partnership #64 on September 21, 2007.

The City of Minneapolis will pay document recording fees to Hennepin County of \$1.70.

See attached map depicting the subject area.

