



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

**Date:** April 8, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **I-35W and Lake Street Design and Access Improvements Update**

**Recommendation:**

Receive and file staff update regarding the I-35W and Lake Street Design and Access Improvements related to Resolution 2007R-640 and the request for proposal (RFP) process

**Previous Directives:**

- December 7, 2007: Council action – Authorized to negotiate, execute and cost participate in developing a new proposal focused on developing a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street.
- December 7, 2007: Resolution 2007-640 – Supporting the development of a fiscally responsible plan and providing a high quality inside lane multi-modal BRT station at Lake Street, a high quality connection to the Midtown Greenway and access at Lake Street as part of the I-35W access improvements and Lake Street Reconstruction.
- January 30<sup>th</sup> 2004: Resolution 2004R-039 – Approval of Concept Plans for the I-35W Lake Street Access Project in South Minneapolis.

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**Approved by:**

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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: 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**

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MnDOT and Metro Transit staff have been working together to develop an appropriate Request for Proposal (RFP) consistent with the City Resolution 2007R-640.

This RFP will result in a matrix of scenarios including concept drawings with explanatory memoranda, cost estimates, and a benefit cost memoranda. The concepts that will be reviewed include the I-35W / Lake Street Area Transit Station, I-35W / Lake Street southbound exit ramp, I-35W / Lake Street northbound entrance ramp, I-35W / 28<sup>th</sup> Street northbound exit ramp, I-35W / 28<sup>th</sup> Street northbound exit ramp with a combined I-35W / Lake Street northbound entrance ramp. MnDOT has also added and agreed to fund the concepts related to the I-35W / TH65 braid bridge and the northbound I-35W to westbound I-94 flyover bridge due to the classification of the bridges and the need for their replacement in the next ten years.

The RFP will be noticed to consultants in the next month. After a consultant is selected it is anticipated it will require six to eight months to complete the study. Public Works is anticipating we will be returning to Council to share the findings and recommendations. At the appropriate point in time we would also obtain direction to move into a second phase more like preliminary design with the approved and funded options resulting from this initial feasibility RFP.

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