



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

Date: May 12, 2009

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

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

Subject: **Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Victory Memorial Parkway Improvements**

Recommendation:

Authorize proper City officials to execute an agreement between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for roadway improvements on and adjacent to Victory Memorial Parkway between Xerxes Avenue North and Irving Avenue North.

Previous Directives:

None

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Reviews:

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval NA	Date _____
Civil Right Affirmative Action Plan	Approval NA	Date _____
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval NA	Date _____

Financial Impact

No Financial Impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification:	Not Applicable
City Goals:	A Safe Place to Live
Comprehensive Plan:	Not Applicable
Zoning Code:	Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

There is a desire by Hennepin County (H/C) and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to perform modifications to the roadway system in the vicinity of Victory Memorial Parkway. The modifications consist largely of closing over half of the street crossings across Victory Memorial Parkway between Xerxes Avenue North and Irving Avenue North. These Streets are as follows; Xerxes, Penn, Queen (Victory Memorial to 45th Avenue N), Oliver, Logan, Morgan, James and Irving. The reasons for these modifications are:

- Improve trail (bike and pedestrian) usage
- Enhanced greenery in the area
- Improved safety for the trail user
- Enhanced visual improvements along the parkway
- Conforms to the MPRB master plan for this area

The Minneapolis Public Works Department is in agreement with the modifications.

The scope of work is in the process of being developed with significant input from H/C, MPRB, and City Traffic and City Construction staff. The County has hosted a number of community meetings on this project, including a final meeting on Thursday, May 7. Council President Barb Johnson has been involved with the project.

Anticipated construction date in the August/September 2009 into Spring of 2010 timeframe. It is also the understanding the H/C and MPRB will provide the complete funding package for this project, and manage the contract work; no City of Minneapolis funding is being provided

As a result of the above activities, a three-way agreement is being developed for the purpose of setting forth the specific responsibilities of each party with respect to performing/funding this improvement.

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