



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

**Date:** June 9, 2015

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

**Referral to:** Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways and Means Committee

**Subject: West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study Cooperative Agreement**

### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City officials to negotiate, enter into, and receive funds through a cooperative funding agreement with the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board for the West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. This study will be funded through an equal contribution of \$75,000 each by the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, and the City.

### **Previous Directives:**

August, 2014 – Authorized execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Minneapolis and the Metropolitan Council on the Proposed Redesign of a Portion of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (SWLRT). This agreement included amendments to the preliminary design of the SWLRT Corridor in Minneapolis and identified that an areawide traffic study with partner agencies would be conducted to assess non-motorized needs and opportunities for the West Lake Station.

### **Department Information**

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**Financial Impact**

Action is within the approved budget.

**Community Impact**

## City Goals

- Living Well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life.
- Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.
- A City that Works: City government runs well and connects to the community it serves.

**Supporting Information**

As a result of the SWLRT Corridor's Memorandum of Understanding between the Metropolitan Council and the City of Minneapolis, an area-wide multimodal transportation study is being conducted for the West Lake LRT Station area. Study efforts will be coordinated with partner agencies to identify non-motorized needs, challenges, and opportunities in the vicinity of the planned West Lake LRT Station. The study will analyze motorized travel to guide intersection and roadway modifications that were identified as part of the preliminary designs for the West Lake LRT Station area.

The goal of the study is to identify opportunities to address non-motorized and motorized travel within the West Lake LRT Station area with projects that can be implemented as a part of the construction of the Southwest LRT or as part of other capital initiatives. Potential longer-term improvements that would not occur before the LRT opening will also be identified.

There will be particular attention paid to:

- access to and from primary destination points
- movements within the study area, including connectivity to the planned West Lake LRT station
- consideration of travel through the study area