

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Transportation & Public Works  
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**Subject:**

Sale of excess granite pavers from the Nicollet Mall.

**Description:**

Authorizing the sale of excess granite pavers from the Nicollet Mall as outlined in action plan.

**Previous Actions:**

September 27, 2005: Recovery of City Paving Bricks/Blocks, T&PW Committee Receive and File.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

For the 1990 "New Nicollet Mall" Improvement Project, a granite paver system was installed for the sidewalks. As part of this project, additional granite pavers over-and-above project needs were purchased in case replacements pavers were needed. Also, there were some pavers salvaged from the sidewalks as repairs or other activities occurred over the years. The current Nicollet Mall Reconstruction Project has a different pavement system, and these excess granite pavers from 1990 are no longer needed for the Mall or the City. Therefore, the Public Works Department will make these excess pavers available to other departments or agencies, or for sale to the public.

There is an identified interest in the paving bricks, pavers, blocks and stones removed during street reconstruction. Public Works already has an established standard procedure for the distribution of the existing paving bricks/stones from street reconstruction projects and would use the same procedure for disbursement or sale.

General information concerning Nicollet Mall granite pavers:

- The granite pavers have an approximate fair market value of \$4.00 per square foot (depending on color or size).
- There are approximately 18,000 granite pavers, in two different colors (red or black) and 15 different sizes (from 1 square foot to 9 square feet).

**Action Plan**

1. Public Works, Transportation Maintenance & Repair has assessed the value of these granite pavers stored at the Fridley Water Facility. The estimated value exceeds \$100,000 dollars.

2. Public Works, following the City Procurement's Procedure for Disposal of Excess Equipment, offered these granite pavers for sale through the competitive bidding process. At the official bid opening, there were no bidders.
3. Public Works sent out a notice to other Minneapolis Departments and City Agencies regarding the availability of the salvaged granite pavers and with the specified timeframe for responding to this solicitation. This was accomplished through Citytalk. There was no response.
4. Moving forward, a public sale notification for the pavers will be made through the City's web site. A web page will be developed that shows colors, sizes and availability of product, and the process to place an order. The product will then be made available at the Linden Yard for pick-up by appointment.
5. This process will be managed by Public Works: TM&R Division, Paving Construction Section. The financial matters will be managed within in the 04100-9010397 fund in Paving. Revenues will be used to offset the cost of marketing and managing the process.

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**