



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: June 6, 2007

To: Council Member Betsy Hodges
Referral to: IGR Committee

Subject: 2008 State of Minnesota Capital Bonding Requests

**Recommendation: Adopt a priority list of Minneapolis Projects to be submitted to
The Minnesota Department of Finance**

Previous Directives:

Prepared by: IGR Staff

Approved by:

Presenters in Committee: IGR Staff; Public Works, Public Safety, and CPED Staff

Supporting Information: The 2008 legislative session is scheduled to begin on February 12, 2008. The capital budget or "bonding bill" is a major legislative initiative for the upcoming session. The process to develop the bonding bill is outlined in statute (Minnesota Statutes 16A.86). Local governments requesting a project to be included in the capital budget are encouraged to submit their requests to the Department of Finance by June 25, 2007. The project(s) are to be on a form authorized by the Commissioner. If a city has more than one project it is required to establish priority ranking. The ranking is to be adopted by a city council resolution.

Upon submission to the Department of Finance the proposed projects are posted on the Department's website and copies are made available to the House and Senate Capital Investment Committees. The Department of Finance reviews the proposed projects and could recommend projects for inclusion in the Governor's capital budget which is released in January 2008.

The proposed projects list also becomes the basis for legislative tours and hearings. Both capital investment committees arrange tours of projects proposed by state agencies and local governments. The House tour of Minneapolis projects has occurred in September/October while the Senate tour is usually scheduled for January.

City staff was requested to submit proposed projects to the IGR Department by May 11, 2007. Eleven projects are submitted for your review. A copy of the proposed project description drafted on the Department of Finance forms is electronically attached. Please note that some of the descriptions are incomplete and will be finalized by the committee meeting.

At the June 12, 2007 IGR Committee meeting staff will briefly describe each project. The presentations as well as the supporting information will be the basis for determining which projects should be recommended to the Department of Finance and the Legislature for funding. The committee's recommendations should be completed at the June 26 meeting and acted upon by the full council on June 29, 2007.