



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

**Date:** June 2, 2009

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

**Referral:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Committee

**Subject:** Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis Cost Participation Agreement No. 06-20-09 for Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5)-East River Pkwy Intersection Study and Preliminary Design

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City officers to enter in to Agreement with Hennepin County for cost participation in a Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Franklin Avenue S (CSAH 5) and East River Parkway intersection study and preliminary design.

Funding for the \$117,500 expenditure is within the current CSAH budget in CPV804 and no appropriation adjustment is necessary.

**Previous Directives:**

July 11, 2008: Approval of Central Corridor – LRT: Memorandum of Understanding.

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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**

Action is within departmental budget

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained, people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

Franklin Avenue/27<sup>th</sup> Avenue is under the jurisdiction of Hennepin County as CSAH 5. East River Parkway is under the jurisdiction of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Franklin Avenue, easterly of the intersection, is under the jurisdiction of the City of Minneapolis. The operation of this 5-legged intersection is complicated due to the combination of both local and commuter vehicular traffic; the proximity to the U of M; and the high numbers of pedestrians and bicycles.

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project will include a proposed Washington Avenue Transit Mall, prohibiting general vehicular traffic from this road. The resulting impacts to traffic patterns in this area will cause additional congestion at this intersection. A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Minneapolis, Metropolitan Council, University of Minnesota Regents, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, and Hennepin County identifies the Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) and E. River Parkway Intersection as one of the "betterment projects" that is outside of the scope of the Central Corridor LRT Project budget but that the partners agree needs improvement.

Hennepin County is taking the lead in studying this intersection and developing a preliminary design for improvements. The City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County are sharing the cost (50/50) of conducting the study and developing a preliminary design for improvements. Engineering consultant SEH has been hired to complete this work. The estimated cost for the city's share is \$117,500.

The goal is to have an approved layout by August 2009 and implementation of the solutions resulting from this study, contingent on securing funding, within the 2011-2013 timeframe.

Attachments: Intersection map

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