



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

**Date:** November 30, 2010

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

**Referral to:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Project (NTP) Amendment #4 to Grant Agreements with Transit for Livable Communities (TLC)**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize City Officers to execute Amendment #4 to the City Agreement (C-23887) with Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) to perform specific work efforts as outlined in and in accordance with MnDOT Agreement No. 89757 that extends the Federal grant funding from December 31, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

**Previous Directives:**

- August 4, 2006 City Council authorized original grant agreements and appropriations
- April 18, 2006 TPW Receive & File – Project Status Update
- January 26, 2007 City Council authorized Amendment #1 to grant agreements
- February 1, 2008 City Council authorized Amendment #2 to grant agreement between the City and Transit for Livable Communities (TLC)
- April 10, 2009 City Council authorized Amendments to both MnDOT and TLC grant agreements to increase the grant amounts and extend the TLC term.

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**Financial Impact**

Action is within current department budget

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable  
City Goals: A Safe Place To Call Home  
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable  
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

## **Background/Supporting Information**

The Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Project (NTP) was authorized by the Federal Government on August 2005 as part of the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill. The Minneapolis area is one of four communities designated to serve as a pilot in determining “the extent to which bicycling and walking can carry a significant part of the transportation load, and represent a major portion of the transportation solution.” The other three pilot communities are Sheboygan, WI; Marin County, CA; and Columbia, MO. Only in Minnesota was an independent non-profit (TLC) designated to carry out the program.

The City entered into two agreements, one with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the other with Transit for Livable Communities (TLC). The City of Minneapolis is the fiscal agent for federal grant funding to TLC. Because the program falls under the State Aid Process, the funds are first released by the Federal Highway Administration to MnDOT. But since MnDOT cannot allocate funds to a non-taxing authority, TLC needs a fiscal agent to carry out their administrative duties/preliminary engineering.

The current agreement expenditure limit and date are \$5,636,000 and December 31, 2010. TLC has requested the contract be extended to June 30, 2011. Thus, Amendment #4 is needed for the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Project work efforts (SP 141-090-28, MnDOT Agreement #89757, City Contract C-23887). The project costs will continue to be 100% grant funded and no match requirements.

In addition prior to June 30, 2011, the City will need to execute contract amendments with both MnDOT and TLC to provide for the additional Congressional (continuing resolution) funding for the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Project.