

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REIMBURSE THE DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR PERFORMING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth hereby states its intent to enter into an agreement with the Duluth transit authority (DTA) to reimburse the DTA for having performed on behalf of the city of Duluth certain professional design services related to the Skyline Parkway improvements, Joshua Avenue project study and citywide intermodal connections as part of the DTA's multi-modal Downtown transportation terminal study, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, subject to final approval of a contract therefor by resolution.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director
Purchasing Agent _____

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to indicate the city's intention to have the Duluth transit authority (DTA) include in its contract with a consultant to perform a feasibility study for a multi-modal transportation terminal in downtown Duluth additional work for the benefit of the city and to reimburse DTA for the cost thereof.

DTA currently is soliciting proposals for its study. Having a consultant working on Duluth transportation issues provides the city a unique opportunity to benefit from their study and have additional work performed at the same time, which is anticipated to reduce the costs to the city for having the work performed.

An agreement with the DTA would authorize reimbursement to the DTA for payments made to the selected consultant for the city's portion of the work.

The main objective of the city's portion of the work is to produce documents to be included with any earmark requests for next year's federal highway funding bill. Some of the work to be performed by the city includes the following:

Skyline Parkway: Review and incorporate previous recommendations included in the "Skyline Parkway corridor management plan" for implementation. Emphasis shall be on interconnectivity of Skyline Parkway to existing and proposed shared use paths such as the Munger and Lakewalk trails. A major portion of the study will be to provide recommendations to provide links to and from the various corridors.

Joshua Avenue extension: Determine project cost estimate for design, construction, right-of-way acquisition, and wetland impacts. Determine cost estimates and preliminary design for permanent traffic calming measures if a collector road is not constructed.

Citywide intermodal connections: Review existing transportation modes, pursue alternative modes such as rail, bus and bicycle, and make recommendations for interconnectivity between future bus and rail depots to our current pedestrian and shared use facilities.

Historically, the highway funding bill is reauthorized once every six years, and any potential funding for individual projects is also considered at that time. In order to have the best chance at any additional funding we need supporting information that justifies the request. Our portion of the consultant work would provide that information, and should increase the city's chances of receiving any funding.

The actual contract with DTA for the work would be subject to subsequent approval by the council.