

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

08-0762R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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 proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, substantially in the form of that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____, with the Duluth transit authority (DTA) to reimburse DTA for having performed on behalf of the city of Duluth certain professional design services related to implementation of the Skyline Parkway corridor management plan, Joshua Avenue project study and citywide intermodal connections as part of the Duluth transit authority's multi-modal Downtown transportation terminal study, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, payable from the Permanent Improvement Fund 411.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the city to enter into an agreement with the Duluth transit authority (DTA) to have them 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 has received proposals for its study and is in the process of awarding its contract for the Work to LHB Engineers and Architects, Inc. 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.

The agreement with the DTA will authorize reimbursement to the DTA for payments made to the 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.

This resolution implements the resolution of intent (08-0664) approved on November 10, 2008.