

## **Exhibit B**

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Department of Public Works: Wheelock Parkway Bridge No. 62641**

Report Prepared **February 22, 2012**  
Public Hearing Proposed **June 6, 2012**

#### **PROJECT**

The City of Saint Paul proposes to reconstruct the Wheelock Parkway Bridge

The City of Saint Paul proposes to purchase temporary construction easements to allow for the removal of existing Wheelock Parkway Bridge No. 90396 and the construction of a new Wheelock Parkway Bridge No.62641 and approaches.

#### **INITIATING ACTION**

This project is initiated by the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is providing bridge and roadway design. Public Works is seeking available State bridge bond (Fund 29) funding for the bridge itself, and has secured C.I.B., and M.S.A funding for the approach roadway and design costs.

#### **REQUIRED EASEMENTS**

The purchase of a railroad easement is required to construct Bridge No. 62641. A total of 113,990 sq. ft. of temporary easement from the Canadian Pacific Railway( D.B.A Soo Line Railroad) will be required. No permanent property acquisition is required to construct Bridge No. 62641.

#### **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

The Final Order does not authorize construction of bridge 62641, but authorizes City staff to proceed with acquisition of the necessary easements. However, when the bridge is built, it will provide increased safety to both pedestrians and vehicles.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

No viable alternates have been identified to replacing the existing bridge. The “do nothing” alternative is not acceptable because it does not address the deteriorating condition of the existing bridge nor does it take advantage of available funding. Removing the existing bridge without constructing a new bridge would adversely affect the City’s transportation system.

**POSITIVE BENEFITS**

Purchasing these easements would allow for a construction of new a Wheelock Parkway Bridge that will serve the City for over 50 years, and take advantage of available State funding sources.

**ADVERSE EFFECTS**

No adverse effects have been identified.

**TIME SCHEDULE**

The acquisition process will begin upon approval, and should be completed in time to allow for a Summer, 2012 construction contract letting. Construction will begin in March, 2013, and the bridge will be open to traffic by the end of October, 2013.

**COSTS AND FUNDING**

<u>Costs</u> – Public Works/Real Estate estimates the cost of acquiring the temporary easements at \$80,000	
Public Works estimates the cost of construction at:	<u>\$2,120,000</u>
	\$2,200,000

Funding – The project will be funded with City and State Bridge Bonds (Fund 29)

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