

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROJECT BUDGET FOR PHASE I CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS OF THE FIFTH & DIVISION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Whereas, With the aim of creating a more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly downtown, in December 2003 commissioned Pollack Design Associates to develop an Urban Design Workbook for the Fifth Avenue and Division Street corridors and in 2005 selected Beckett & Raeder to develop the conceptual plan for these streets;

Whereas, In July 2008 City Council voted to approve the Fifth & Division conceptual plan;

Whereas, In April 2007 the DDA submitted a request to MDOT for Transportation Enhancement grant funding assistance, but DDA members subsequently resolved to revisit the project elements that were selected, and the DDA/City Partnerships Committee was used as a discussion forum, as the Committee includes a number of City Council members.;

Whereas, Following a great deal of discussion, the Committee recommends the following elements for a Phase I construction plan:

- Widen Division between Washington and Catherine Street by burying utility lines and adjusting curb lines to make more room for current/future vehicle traffic, as well as for the new bike lane.
- Install gateway improvements at Division/Packard and Fifth/Beakes to reduce the width of pavement and establish the "culture" of pedestrian/bike friendly streets.
- Install intersection improvements at Division/Liberty, Division/Washington and Fifth/Liberty to encourage more safe and comfortable east/west pedestrian movements.
- Install sidewalk improvements along Fifth between Ann and William Streets and along Division between Liberty and Huron Streets to support the important private and public sector reinvestment currently taking place in these areas.
- Stripe bike lanes and install parking meters and other parking along the length of the streets as possible.

Whereas, It is anticipated that the cost for Phase I will be \$7.1 million, less funds from the State or, approximately \$6.1 million in DDA dollars;

Whereas, The cost for Phase I includes some elements that would otherwise be included in improvements associated with the new parking structure project to be constructed beside the new Library building on the City's South Fifth Avenue lot;

Whereas, Following DDA approval of this recommendation, additional materials will be provided to the State so that their grant review can be concluded, and construction documents would be provided to City staff for their review and approval, with the aim of beginning construction sometime in Spring 2009;

RESOLVED, The DDA accepts the recommendation of its Partnerships Committee and includes the following elements in a Phase I construction plan for the Fifth & Division improvement plan:

- Widen Division between Washington and Catherine Street
- Install gateway improvements at Division/Packard and Fifth/Beakes
- Install intersection improvements at Division/Liberty, Division/Washington and Fifth/Liberty
- Install sidewalk improvements along Fifth between Ann and William, and along Division between Liberty and Huron
- Stripe bike lanes and install parking meters and other parking along the length of the streets as possible

RESOLVED, The DDA establishes a project budget for the Phase I portion of the Fifth and Division Improvement Project as \$7.1 million.

RESOLVED, The DDA will revised its FY 08/09 budget to reflect the decisions made today, including adjustments in its TIF (003) and Parking Fund (063) accounts.

RESOLVED, The DDA reserves the opportunity to approve the selection of the contractor for this project and thus reserves the opportunity to approve the expenditure of these funds at a later date.

RES 5<sup>th</sup>-Division approve Phase I budget-details 090308.doc  
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