



The Tinklenberg Group

The interchange of strategies and solutions

City of Ramsey Consulting Services Proposal December 2010

OVERVIEW

The Tinklenberg Group respectfully submits the following proposal in response to the City of Ramsey's interest to pursue a variety of tasks associated with advancing the construction of the TH 10/Armstrong Boulevard interchange project.

SPECIFIC WORK ELEMENTS

FEDERAL FUNDING COORDINATION RE: FY11 APPROPRIATIONS

Term: December 2010 – January 2011

Total Cost: \$6,000

- Work with Senator Klobuchar and Senator Franken and their respective staff persons to secure federal funds for the rail station as part of the FY11 Appropriations bill.
- Communicate with staff persons in Washington D.C. and in the district office to ensure accurate and timely information relative to the project, funding strategy and needs.
- Coordinate site visits, meetings and other opportunities to maximize project exposure and local/regional support.
- Respond to requests for information and follow up as necessary and/or directed by the city.
- Maintain communication with other agencies and policy leaders to ensure consistency in information sharing and messaging to congressional leaders and staff relative to the project and needs.

STATE BONDING – TH 10/ARMSTRONG BLVD INTERCHANGE:

Term: December 2010 – May 2011

Total Cost: \$18,000

- Assist in developing a funding strategy that includes state bonding funds as part of a full funding package for the construction of the TH 10 Armstrong Boulevard interchange.
- Meet with members of the state House and Senate Capital Investment Committees to advocate for their support as part of the bonding bill; maintain regular contact to ensure the interchange project remains a visible and viable project among decision-makers.

- Work with the Governor’s Office and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to ensure project support and cooperation.
- Coordinate with key representatives from Anoka County Regional Rail Authority, Metropolitan Council and other agencies as appropriate to ensure maximum support for a bonding request that includes the Armstrong interchange.
- Utilize existing relationships among state House and Senate leadership to support the bonding request.
- Support passage by producing appropriate information, developing testimony, being present for appropriate hearings and responding to questions.

FY 2012 APPROPRIATIONS BILL – TH 10/ARMSTRONG BLVD INTERCHANGE:

Term: January 2010 – June 2011

Cost: \$18,000

- Obtain FY 2012 Appropriations request forms from Congressional offices; complete and submit funding request for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for the TH 10 Armstrong Boulevard interchange.
- Update existing project materials to reflect current status, cost estimates, schedules and project development processes for the interchange; utilize materials as part of discussions and for inclusion in funding packets.
- Coordinate with Anoka County and Ramsey staff to ensure project details are accurate and reflect consensus among agencies.
- Update Resolutions and Letters of Support as necessary; assist in obtaining signed documents from various sources including appropriate public agencies, local businesses and other supporters to include in funding packets.
- Monitor submittal process to ensure congressional leaders and staff representatives in both the House and Senate receive and process funding requests; maintain contact with appropriate federal offices responsible for tracking and management of requests.
- Work with other congressional offices to exchange information and encourage support; respond to questions and requests for additional information.
- Arrange visits with congressional leaders and policy leaders/staff as directed, locally and in Washington D.C.
- Maintain a monthly presence in Washington D.C. on behalf of the City to ensure a high level of project awareness and exposure.
- Provide regular communication in the form of email updates and other correspondence to ensure all project partners are apprised of progress, needs and outcomes throughout the process.
- Coordinate as directed and as appropriate with other local businesses and stakeholders.

TIMING AND COST

The timing for each work element is noted above; federal funding activities are based on the federal schedule and may fluctuate. Appropriations requests are typically made available late January or early February and due for return submittal by early March.

Work shall begin immediately upon signing of the consulting services agreement. Travel and other expenses will be billed separately and in addition to consulting services; all expenses shall be approved in advance.

Agreed and Approved By:

Bob Ramsey, Mayor
City of Ramsey

Terri Neely Tinklenberg, Vice-President
The Tinklenberg Group

Date

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