



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

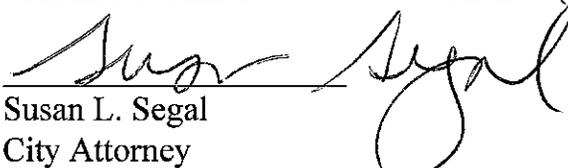
Date: November 6, 2012
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Robert Skarsten v. City of Minneapolis
Court File No.: 27-CV-12-2017

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$150,000.00 payable to Robert Skarsten and his attorneys, Mackall, Crouse & Moore, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145685 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: 
Susan L. Segal
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact:(Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): \$150,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145685
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information:

On July 12, 2011, Robert Skarsten was riding his bike to the Camden Bridge. Near Lyndale Avenue, he proceeded across a plywood board which had been placed over a section of the sidewalk in the process of repair. The sidewalk board shifted and dislodged as his forward wheel went across it, causing him to fall head first over the front handle bars of his bicycle.

As a result of the crash, Mr. Skarsten sustained significant injuries and incurred treatment expenses. He continues to suffer significant difficulties as a result of his injuries.

Following mediation with his attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Skarsten's personal injury claim against the City in the amount of \$150,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Public Works Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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