



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** August 20, 2013

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Waiver Agreement with Hennepin County Department of  
Environmental Services for the North and South Transfer Stations.**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services to waive the \$40,000 bonding requirement for the Minneapolis North and South Transfer Stations.

**Previous Directives:**

None

**Department Information:**

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: David Herberholz, Director, Solid Waste and Recycling Division

**Financial Impact**

- Action is within the Business Plan
- Other financial impact – saves approximately \$400.00 per year

**Community Impact**

- City Goals: Infrastructure...well-managed and maintained

## **Supporting Information**

### Background

Hennepin County Ordinance #02, Solid Waste Disposal, requires that the City of Minneapolis furnish the Department of Environmental Services with a bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$40,000 to establish financial assurance for corrective action or closure for the North and South Transfer Stations as part of the transfer station licensing process.

Solid Waste and Recycling (SWR) had been securing a \$40,000.00 annual bond with Berkley Insurance at a cost of \$400.00, until this year when Berkley Insurance informed the City that they would not renew the bond due to the low volume of business with the City of Minneapolis.

City staff discussed an alternative to the bond and Contract No. A1211973 with Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services (County). This alternative agreement waives the requirement. Hennepin County has presented it for approval.