



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

**Date:** April 1, 2014

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Public Hearing: Ordinance Change: prohibiting the practice of motor braking, also known as "engine braking" on Interstate Highway 394 in the City of Minneapolis**

**Recommendation:** Adopt proposed ordinance

**Previous Directives:** None

### Department Information

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Timothy Drew

### Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): N/A
- Civil Rights Approval N/A
- Policy Review Group (PRG): N/A

### Financial Impact

- Action is within current department budget

### Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: Public input will be sought
- City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe City

### Supporting Information

The City has received a number of complaints regarding the noise created from the use of motorized brakes by semi-trucks along Interstate Highway 394. In 2008, the State Legislature passed Session Law Chapter 350, Article 1, Section 87 which gave the City of Minneapolis the authority to restrict or prohibit the use of an engine brake on motor vehicles along Legislative Route No. 107, also known as marked Interstate highway 394 from the South Penn Avenue interchange extending easterly to the terminus of marked Interstate Highway 394. Engine braking is defined as any device that uses the engine and transmission to impede the forward motion of the motor vehicle by compression of the engine.

Pursuant to the Session Law the state transportation commissioner would erect the appropriate signs and bill the City for the costs of erecting the signs once the ordinance has been passed.

Attachments: Session Law Chapter 350, Article 1, Section 87  
Ordinance Change Language  
Map of Proposed Area