



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: May 19, 2015

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

Referral: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Water Quality Monitoring Reimbursement**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize proper city officials to execute an agreement with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The terms will include that the City is to collect stormwater samples at the 37th Avenue N Greenway stormwater system and share the lab results with the MPCA.

- B. Increase the appropriation for (Fund 07300 Dept 6300220 Acct 507001) by \$25,000 and increase revenue (07300 6300220 Source 3225) by \$25,000 for funding by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Previous Directives:

None

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Financial Impact

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
Request provided to Finance Department

Community Impact

None.

City Goals: Great Places - Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.

Background/Supporting Information:

The City of Minneapolis carries out monitoring activities at various stormwater sites as part of its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program under the federal Clean Water Act. Staff installed an innovative technology using iron-enhanced sand as part of the water quality improvements at the 37th Avenue North Greenway project. Stormwater samples will be collected

and analyzed in 2015 to determine the level of pollutants and the effectiveness of the water quality improvements. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has agreed to reimburse the City a portion of the monitoring costs, in the amount of \$25,000, because they are interested in determining the effectiveness of this technology.

Requested Action:

Increase the appropriation (Fund 07300 Dept 6300220 Acct 507001) by \$25,000 and increase revenue (07300 6300220 Source 3225) by \$25,000 for funding by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Authorize Public Works to enter into an agreement with the MPCA for the \$25,000 cost share.

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