

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Intergovernmental Relations
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Policy Position

Subject:

Updates to City of Minneapolis' 2016 Policy Positions and Legislative Agenda

Description:

Approving staff-recommended updates to the City of Minneapolis' 2016 Policy Positions as follows:

- In the Local Government Finance section, on page 3, modify the following statement as follows: "Diversification of revenue sources and investment options available to local governments, including cities."
- In the Capital Bonding section, on page 3, delete "\$609,000" and insert "\$1.029 million"
- In the Transportation and Transit System Funding section on page 4, insert the following language: "The City supports full state funding for the I-35W and Lake Street Transit/Access project, which will leverage significant federal resources, ensure the timely completion of other related projects, and increase access to jobs and educational opportunities through improved and expanded transit service to currently underserved communities in Minneapolis."
- Any related formatting/technical changes needed as a result of these modifications

Approving staff-recommended updates to the City of Minneapolis' 2016 Legislative Agenda as follows:

- In the Capital Investment section, delete "\$609,000" and insert "\$1.029 million"
- In the Transportation section, add a new statement as follows "The City supports full state funding for the I-35W and Lake Street Transit/Access project, which will leverage significant federal resources, ensure the timely completion of other related projects, and increase access to jobs and educational opportunities through improved and expanded transit service to currently underserved communities in Minneapolis."
- Any related formatting/technical changes needed as a result of these modifications

Previous Actions:

The City Council approved the City of Minneapolis' 2016 Policy Positions on November 20, 2015, and the City of Minneapolis' 2016 Legislative Agenda on December 11, 2015.

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

Staff recommends broadening the statement regarding diversification of revenue sources to also include investment options.

Staff recommends modifying the dollar amount attributed to the Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery Fence Restoration from \$609,000 to \$1.029 million in both the 2016 Policy Positions and Legislative Agenda to reflect updated project estimates.

Staff also recommends adding a statement to the 2016 Legislative Agenda and 2016 Policy Positions to reflect the City's strong support for state funding for the Interstate 35W and Lake Street Transit/Access project. While this is a Hennepin County bonding request, it is a joint project between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County. As joint partners in the project, the City will be working with the County to advocate for its funding at the Capitol. The timeliness of this project is critical to ensuring the most efficient use of construction time and resources.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

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Attachments:

1. 2016 Legislative Policy Positions Draft, 3-3-16
2. 2016 Legislative Agenda Draft, 3-3-16