

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the transfer of ownership of a soil stockpile.

Description:

Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the transfer of ownership of a soils stockpile under the 10th Ave SE Bridge from MnDOT to the City of Minneapolis.

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Address:

Ward 2

Background/Analysis:

In 2008, as a results of the I35W Bridge reconstruction, MnDOT and their contractor, determined that there was an excess amount of approximately 7,800 cubic yards of a mixture of common borrow, class 5 aggregate base, and aggregate shouldering as a results of the bridge construction. At the time, MnDOT and the City of Minneapolis had no use for this material, so it was stockpiled under the 10th Avenue Southeast Bridge for storage. The underlying property owner of the stockpile site is MnDOT although the City of Minneapolis has an easement over the property for the 10th Avenue Southeast Bridge.

It has been determined that this material is now needed by the Surface Water and Sewer Division as backfill for upcoming projects. The 10th Avenue Southeast Bridge project is also currently scheduled for design and rehabilitation for the 2017 – 2019 timeframe, depending on the successful completion of the funding package. The removal of this stockpile would also facilitate the renovation of this bridge. Therefore the City of Minneapolis has developed a need for this material in the very near future.

The City of Minneapolis, in coordination, with an environmental consulting firm, proceeded with the appropriate environmental sampling and testing. It was deemed through this analysis that the stockpile material is considered “Unregulated Fill” as defined by the Minnesota Pollution Control (MPCA) Guidelines.

The City Attorney's office has stated in an opinion, that Unregulated Fill in this case can be utilized in the Right-of-Way for the proposed intended purposes by the Surface Water and Sewer Division and in accordance with the MPCA guidelines.

Since the material is owned by MnDOT, it is necessary to enter into an agreement transferring the ownership of this stockpile from MnDOT to the City of Minneapolis to be utilized for our future needs. The City Attorney's office has reviewed the agreement, and concurs with its contents.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.