



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works
Solid Waste and Recycling Services**

Date: February 16, 2010

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Subject: **Contract with Waste Management, Inc. to Operate South Transfer Station**

Recommendation:

Authorize proper city officers to negotiate and execute an agreement with Waste Management to provide management services at the South Transfer Station on a month-to-month basis, under the terms of the existing contract with a fee increase, until 60 days notice is provided to Waste Management that the contract will end. No additional appropriation is required.

Previous Directives:

- June, 2004. Authorize agreement with Waste Management to provide management services at the South Transfer Station on a month-to-month basis, under the terms of the existing contract, until 60 days notice is provided to Waste Management that the contract will end, no cost increase
- June, 2003, Authorize extension of Waste Management contract, pending determination by Public Works of Strategic value of facility, no cost increase.
- October, 2002, Authorize extension of Waste Management contract, no cost increase
- January, 1999, Authorize negotiation and execution of contract with Waste Management to operate South Transfer Station

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Civil Rights	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Financial Impact

Action is within current department budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Not Applicable
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Division of Solid Waste and Recycling Services provides garbage, recycling, yard wastes, large item/problem materials (metals) and electronics collections services for approximately 104,000 dwelling units in Minneapolis. One of the services included in the Base Fee per dwelling unit is the use of the South Transfer Station by customers for disposal of excess garbage, clean out of attics and basements, construction and demolition debris and tires. Use of vouchers by customers allows them to save hundreds of dollars on maintenance and updating of their houses and cleanliness of their properties. The "Voucher Program" allows each customer to have six, 2,000 pound Clean up and C & D Vouchers each year, and two tire vouchers, each for up to eight tires, each year.

The Division of Solid Waste & Recycling of the Department of Public Works of the City of Minneapolis owns two transfer stations that have been permitted for municipal solid wastes. One, located at 2850 20th Avenue South (South Transfer Station), is currently the location for the City voucher and citizen drop-off program and for commercial "cash" customer disposal in the City. The second, located at 2710 Pacific Street (North Transfer Station), is used by the City as a backup facility, and will be used for transfer of Organics materials as that program grows.

Waste Management, Inc. is presently under contract to operate the South Transfer facility for the City. The terms and fees that the City paid Waste Management had not changed since the original contract in 1999. Waste Management is asking for increased fees for this contract term. Public Works believes the increases are reasonable at this time.

The City and Hennepin County are cooperatively seeking a new location for the "South" transfer station and a County Household Waste Management facility in Minneapolis. It is anticipated that the South Transfer Station will be decommissioned when the new, co-located, facility is fully operational. Therefore, a month-to month contract with WM is recommended.