



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: August 29, 2002

To: Transportation and Public Works Committee

Subject: Execution of amendment to Minnesota Department of Transportation Lease H-05808 for land in the vicinity of West Linden Avenue

Recommendation:

That proper City officials be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to Minnesota Department of Transportation Lease H-05808 (City No. 12162) extending it to 9/30/03 and increasing its per month cost to \$1,161.00. The Director of Public Works shall be further authorized to negotiate with MnDot and report back to the Council prior to August 1, 2003.

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By: Greg Finstad _____

Presenters in Committee: Greg Finstad, P.E., Director of Transportation and Parking Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget for 2002
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): Will use existing appropriation/no new funds needed
action allows revenue generation at Impound Lot
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

The Minneapolis Impound lot has had a lease of Minnesota Department of Transportation land under the I-394 freeway in the vicinity of Aldrich and West Linden Avenues which commenced in 1982. This land has been used for a variety of purposes by the Park Board and Sanitation Department, but its primary use has been for storage of towed cars by the Impound Lot.

The capacity of the West Linden land for the Impound Lot is approximately 700 cars. The land's use is most apparent during snow emergencies and spring and fall clean-ups when extensive street cleaning is underway. The land is close to Impound Lot offices and is a cheap and cost effective way to store cars and return them to their owners once towing fees and penalties are paid. There is no suitable replacement for this land at this time and its loss will significantly increase operating costs at the Impound Lot.

MinnDot staff have indicated that the West Linden land will be used for bridge construction commencing in September of 2003. They have further indicated that if not all their land is needed they will allow continued City use and that upon completion of their work, it could be reclaimed by the City. Consequently, the action before the City Council allows prompt reclamation of the MinnDot land as it becomes available.

The lease amendment is effective 11/01/00 and the total cost to the Impound Lot for this action through September 30, 2003 is \$39,111.00. This cost represents an ongoing activity in at the Impound Lot for which funds have been budgeted and exist. The cost is also recoverable as a part of towing fees.

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