



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

Date: April 20, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Clean City Litter Collection Programs**

Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives:

- January 31, 2003 – Transportation & Public Works and Ways & Means/Budget Committees authorized the execution of a 2003 contract for two Hennepin County Sentence to Service work crews.

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(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

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

The Minneapolis Clean City program offers many partnership opportunities for residents to be active in cleaning and improving the livability of their own special piece of our community. This includes Adopt-A-Litter Container, Adopt-A-Block and Adopt-A-Street/Highway Programs to re-focus the need to control litter within our living spaces all season long. We are also re-introducing our graffiti abatement program to help our neighbors quickly remove graffiti.

It has also included a litter collection component for several years. In the initial years, Public Works contracted with Hennepin County Sentence to Service (STS) for a loosely defined litter program using Solid Waste Enterprise Funds. As years progressed, the STS contract became more costly - even as City resources became more limited. The City's contract management

requirements also became more rigorous - with specific requirements to competitively award contracts over \$50,000 and for greater accountability of expended funds. The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, by law, requires that the Fund's customers proportionate to their contribution must reasonably enjoy benefits of Fund's programs.

2002:

The contracts with Hennepin County STS in 2002 included specific litter collection schedules, specific hours of work requirements and specific reporting requirements at a cost not to exceed \$108,000. Difficulties in receiving the 2002 contract deliverables were discussed with Hennepin County.

2003:

The City contracted with STS for Clean City at a cost of \$112,000 collection and it was agreed that contract requirements would be adhered to and that the City would monitor the work. However, significant issues with lack of adherence to the litter collection routes/schedules, and with lower than contracted STS hours worked were encountered.

2004:

When the Clean City programs for 2004 were planned, it was anticipated that a significant number of Public Works seasonal laborers might not have work assignments in the summer of 2004. A program has been developed to utilize these workers in a litter collection program as described in the 2003 STS contract, and to compare these costs and results to the 2002 and 2003 STS contracts. According to Hennepin County staff, the "special projects" that STS did in response to specific Council Member requests increased their work load and were possibly responsible for the lack of adherence to the 2003 contract requirements. The 2004 litter collection program using City workers will provide direct cost comparisons (streets cleaned, bags per hour) with STS workers, adhere to City contract management policies, and comply with the parameters of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

Xcel Spread Sheet with 2003 results attached.