



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

Date: July 26, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: Reimbursement Contract with Nextel

Recommendation:

The proper City officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with Nextel to receive reimbursement for work performed by city staff.

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Steven Kotke, Deputy Director of Public Works/ Internal Services

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: On August 6, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission issued a report and order modification to the rules governing the 800 MHz band. The purpose of the order was to reconfigure the 800 MHz band nationwide to minimize harmful interference to public safety radio communications systems ("Reconfiguration"). The City of Minneapolis and Nextel are licensed on frequency allocations subject to Reconfiguration. Nextel will pay the City of Minneapolis to effect a Reconfiguration of the City's two 800 MHz systems.

This work will be done in two phases. The work in this contract is for Phase I and will be performed by Radio Shop Technicians. The contract will allow the City of Minneapolis to get reimbursed for all expenses associated with the reconfiguration. We do not expect the reimbursement for Phase I to exceed \$30,000 and no additional appropriation is required.