



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

Date: August 12, 2008
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: Value to the City of a Joint City/County Solid Waste Management Facility

Recommendation:
Receive and File Report

Previous Directives:

- January 18, 2004 Authorization to coordinate examination of facilities effort with Hennepin County Environmental services.
- May 2, 2006 Authorization to negotiate, prepare, and execute appropriate development, operating, and maintenance management agreements with Hennepin County for the proposed Joint City/County project and site.

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u>NA</u>
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u>NA</u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u>NA</u>

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
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA
City Goals: NA
Comprehensive Plan: NA

Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information

Beginning in 2004, the Council and Mayor directed City staff to begin the sale process of the City's South Transfer Station located at 2850 20th Ave. S. for the purposes of a proposed combined heat and power biomass energy facility. If it is determined that the City no longer requires this existing South Transfer site for Public Works operations, CPED staff would assess the property's redevelopment potential at that time. Subsequently, Public Works was directed to evaluate options for the relocation of the solid waste services the City provided at that location. At that same time, Minneapolis invited Hennepin County Environmental Services to join the city in a search for a joint city/county facility location within Minneapolis.

Consequently, representatives from the City and Hennepin County have discussed the potential of the City and Hennepin County partnering at a new location. The County identified the need for a Household Hazardous Waste facility to be located in Minneapolis. Therefore, co-locating the City's and County's operational needs at one location seemed prudent.

Since 2004, CPED has worked to complete an Industrial Land Use Study that has identified all of the industrial properties within Minneapolis by zoning type. In conjunction with that effort, CPED staff began working with Public Works to evaluate potential industrial sites for relocation of the South Transfer operations.

Current City and County Sites and Services

The City's Solid Waste and Recycling Division manages curbside residential solid waste and recycling services via a combined municipal and contract collection system. Currently, the City operates at two sites; the North Transfer Station at 2710 Pacific Ave. N. and the South Transfer Station located at 2852 20th Avenue South. The City provides a residential and small business construction waste management service at the South Transfer Location.

Hennepin County's Department of Environmental Services manages household hazardous waste (HHW) services for County residents at two locations outside the City (Brooklyn Park and Bloomington). A facility for the management and recycling of household hazardous waste does not exist in Minneapolis. The County desires to locate a permanent HHW facility within the City to provide more convenient access for residents and increase participation in the HHW program.

Since 2004, City and County staff have worked on preliminary planning for a Solid Waste Management Facility. In the 2007-2011 Five-Year Capital Program, the City approved funding for a joint City/County facility (PSD08).

Value to the City: Guiding Principles for the Partnership

City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County staffs have agreed to maintain the best interests of all customers throughout the planning and implementation of the new recycling facility. Customers are considered Minneapolis and Hennepin County residents, small businesses needing to dispose of solid waste, and the City's Solid Waste Management Department and any of its contractors. Paramount to the joint project is to provide excellent customer service, cost-effective operations, management and disposal of waste in an environmentally responsible manner, support efforts to maintain a clean City and County, and provide for a sustainable facility design. By operating one site that integrates City and County functions, the following outcomes can be achieved:

- Customers will experience a high level of service in a safe and convenient manner
- Waste will be managed in environmentally responsible manner
- The site will be clean and well maintained

- The facility will be operated in an economically efficient manner
- Provide a convenient, one-stop drive thru solid waste and recycling facility.

City and County staff will draft appropriate development and operating agreements as needed to facilitate the project and operate the site for the foreseeable future.

Attachments:

1. Preliminary Facilities Options Analysis, September 2005 - Executive Summary
2. South Transfer Station and the Voucher Program
3. Hennepin County (DVD) "Get Rid of It"
4. Hennepin County HouseHold Hazardous Waste Boucher
5. CPED review of existing South Transfer Site