

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

**Date:** May 12, 2009

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

**Subject:** Ordinance Change - Working in the Street

Recommendation:

Amend Minneapolis Code of Ordinances to provide an exemption to traffic laws

for vehicles working in the street.

**Previous Directives:** 

April 28, 2009 – Set Public Hearing for May 12, 2009

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Approved by:

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**Presenters:** Mike Kennedy, Director Transportation Maintenance and Repair

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): NA

Civil Rights Approval NA

Policy Review Group (PRG): NA

**Financial Impact** 

No financial impact

## **Background/Supporting Information**

The purpose of this ordinance change is to match Minneapolis Ordinance with State Statute on the issue of Public Works operations in the street.

Currently, Minneapolis Ordinance does not contain an exemption to traffic laws for vehicles working in the street. This is not consistent with State Statute, which contains exemptions for public works activities which can have unique needs when working on streets. There are situations in Minneapolis where the most efficient operations require driving against traffic, such during snow emergencies or leaf sweeping.

**Attachment:** Ordinance Language

## Attachment

## 466.60 - Exemptions for working on the highway.

The provisions of Sections 466.230 and 474.240 shall not apply to persons, motor vehicles, and other equipment while actually engaged in work upon streets, avenues, roadways, or highways.