



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
Referral to:

Subject: Minneapolis South Transfer Station Update

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by:

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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 City owns two transfer stations that have been permitted for accepting and transferring municipal solid waste. The South Transfer Station is located at 2850 20th Avenue South. The North Transfer Station is located at 2710 Pacific Street.

We have received a request from the Green Institute that they would like to acquire ownership of the South Transfer Station for a proposed combined heat and power biomass plant. The City Engineer's responsibility is to evaluate whether a city-owned parcel is required for municipal purposes before recommending the parcel be sold. We have informed the Green Institute that at this time the parcel is not considered excess property primarily because it is in use.

Since that time, we have been also working with CPED and Regulatory Services to identify any potential issues from their departments. At this time a full assessment of other possible higher and best uses of the site is not available.

Attached is a preliminary report that identifies the issues associated with either relocation of the transfer station services or discontinuing the service. We are continuing to work on a long term Solid Waste Plan that will include information on both transfer stations – this will be available in June 2004.