



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

Date: April 19, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: none
Subject: **Comments on the University of Minnesota Football Stadium Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Draft Scoping Decision Document (SDD)**

Recommendation: Authorize Public Works to submit the attached comments

Previous Directives:
none

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Presenters in Committee: Jon Wertjes

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

The University of Minnesota (U of M) is moving forward with its plans for a new football stadium. As part of the project, the U of M is the responsible governmental unit for required environmental documentation and review. The draft University of Minnesota Football Stadium Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Draft Scoping Decision Document (SDD) can be found at the U of M web site at: <http://www1.umn.edu/stadium/>. The EAW and SDD will be followed by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concentrating on categories identified for further study.

The role of the City of Minneapolis at this time is to provide comments on the draft EAW. A team of Public Works and CPED staff have prepared the attached draft comments and are requesting that the City Council authorize Public Works to submit the comments for the City of Minneapolis. The City will also have the opportunity to comment on the EIS.

Cc.: Ward 2 office
Attachment: Draft letter and comments dated April 12, 2005.