

MEMORANDUM

To: Sandy Colvin Roy, Chair
Transportation & Public Works Committee

FROM: Jan Hrcir
Chief Council Committee Coordinator

DATE: December 12, 2003

SUBJECT: 2004 Legislative Agenda

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee, at their meeting held December 9, 2003, had under consideration the 2004 Legislative Agenda. The Committee approved a motion to refer a portion of this agenda relating to *Transportation*, as shown on the attachment, to the Transportation & Public Works Committee for consideration.

It is requested that the T&PW Committee consider recommendations to this portion of the Legislative Agenda and refer it back to the IGR Committee before its meeting on January 13, 2004.

Cc: Scott Benson
Bill Barnhart

Transportation

Both Minneapolis and metropolitan communities benefit from a strong public transit system. Bus and Light Rail Transit (LRT) ensures mobility to jobs throughout the region and promotes downtown growth. Public transportation helps sustain a healthy environment and economy, and, with careful planning, can increase neighborhood livability. Minneapolis strongly believes that all transportation improvements must be done in a manner that is compatible with neighborhood livability.

Minneapolis supports:

- Legislation creating alternative sources of revenues for transportation improvements. These could include:
 - Authority to create and utilize a transportation utility
 - Authority for more extensive use of special assessments