

**To:** Robert Lilligren, Chair, Committee of the Whole and Council Members  
**From:** IGR Staff  
**Date:** January 26, 2010  
**Re:** Summary of Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Agenda

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**Introduction.** The proposed legislative agenda is adopted in the first quarter of the year and amended throughout the year. In 2009, for example, the agenda was amended to include policies on torture, environment and energy, reauthorization of the transportation act, health care, youth violence prevention and human rights violations in Uganda. The proposed agenda:

- provides a brief introduction to the specific project requests;
- adds three specific funding requests;
- restructures the program funding section to group policy statements by the federal agency responsible for the program; and
- incorporates all of the policy initiatives contained in the FY 2010 Agenda.

**Appropriation Requests (pages 1-5).** The overview paragraph is new. The purpose of the new language is to briefly describe the Congressional “earmark” process. The earmarks have become subject to rules and procedures that are aimed to add transparency into the appropriation process. For example, members of Congress must release all requested earmarks that they are requesting.

Each specific appropriation request includes a brief project description as well as the funding request. Except for updated or deleted dated information the Combined Sewer Overflow, Parkway Lighting, Pedestrian Bridge, Upper River, and Employment and Training Services for Ex-Offenders have not changed. The Public Safety Technology request was modified to include a request for the Fire Department and as a result the appropriation was increased by \$250,000.

New requests include the Community Outdoor Warning System, the Minneapolis Skyway Senior Center, and the Homegrown Urban Agriculture/Gardening Resource Center. The warning system is a \$2.0 million request to replace and update the city’s siren system. The siren proposal has been proposed by Regulatory Services/Emergency Services while the Senior Center and the Homegrown proposal have been proposed by the Department of Health and Family Support.

Several of the projects are scalable – could be phased with a lesser than requested amount.

**Programs with Grants Received, Applied for, or Anticipated by Minneapolis (pages 6-10).**

The section has been reformatted to have the policy recommendations grouped by federal department. While no new policies have been added many have been updated to include more recent information including 2010 federal budget actions.

The Housing and Urban Development policy relating to housing programs has been redrafted to include more information regarding the use of the program in Minneapolis. The policy also recommends support of the new interagency strategy to link housing with education and jobs. The Housing Stabilization policy adds a recommendation that the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) be amended to permit the use of program funds for foreclosure prevention activities.

The Transportation reauthorization has been updated to briefly describe the current Congressional status of the reauthorization act. The small starts statement was redrafted to reflect the US Department of Transportation's recent action to drop the cost effectiveness index (CEI) which will result in more program flexibility and responsiveness. There are no substantive changes to the Twin Cities Transportation Projects and the Minneapolis-Duluth Intercity Passenger Rail Service.

The US Department of Homeland Security section includes appropriation amount updates to the Homeland Security and Emergency Operations Center policies.

There are no substantive changes to the US Department of Health and Human Services section.

The policy statement regarding the water interconnection has been deleted due to the lack of state matching funds.

**Policy Initiatives (pages 11-15).**

During 2009 the city amended the Agenda to include policies regarding universal health care; youth violence prevention; energy environment policy and funding; prisoner treatment, torture and cruelty, community radio and human rights violations restrictions in Uganda. The 2009 adopted policies have not been changed. The telecommunications policy was redrafted to delete references to outdated Congressional scheduled hearings and bill drafts. The policy recommendations have not been changed.

There are no changes to railroad safety zones, federal –local relationship on crime prevention, fully inclusive employment non-discrimination, air traffic safety, financing and credit and federal local government relations.