



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

Date: July 10, 2012
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Minneapolis Refuse Incorporated (MRI) Collection Agreement**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper city officials to negotiate the terms of an amendment that may include an extension to the existing agreement between Minneapolis Refuse Incorporated (MRI) and the City of Minneapolis (CITY), to provide solid waste and recycling collection services for residents in the current MRI service area to allow for transition to a single sort recycling program.

Previous Directives:

None

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Reviews Not Applicable

Financial Impact

No financial impact.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Eco Focused
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The current collection contract between MRI and the City expires on December 31, 2013.

On May 25, 2012, the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department received City Council approval to implement a single sort recycling collection program for the residents. In addition, on June 29, 2012, the City Council approved the procurement of the necessary vehicles needed for the new single sort recycling program.

The current trucks used for recycling collection are multi-compartment, non-compaction, side load trucks with 1 employee - driver. However, rear load compactor trucks with 2 employees – driver and loader – will be used for the new single sort recycling program.

As the recycling collection service provider for approximately 50% of the City of Minneapolis, the City must negotiate an amendment to the contract with MRI in order to implement single sort recycling throughout the city prior to the termination of the existing MRI contract. MRI has requested consideration of a contract extension due to their need to procure the vehicles needed for the new single sort recycling program.