



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: **Issuance of Request for Proposals for Recycling Cart Purchase and Distribution**

Recommendation:

Authorize the appropriate City Officials to issue a Request for Proposals for the purchase and distribution of recycling carts needed for implementation of the City of Minneapolis single sort recycling collection program.

Previous Directives:

- May 25, 2012: Approval to implement a single sort recycling collection program for the residents of the City of Minneapolis.

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Approved by:

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Reviews Not Applicable

Financial Impact

No financial impact.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Eco Focused, Use less energy, produce less waste.
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

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 of the City of Minneapolis.

An aggressive time line may allow implementation of the single sort recycling collection program to begin this year, in the fall. One of the necessary steps is to purchase carts.

The cart purchase plan is as follows:

- 110,000 recycling carts will be purchased through this RFP, with the delivery of 30,000 in 2012, and delivery of the remaining balance of 80,000 carts in 2013.
- Carts will all be 95 gallons in size to provide for the volume capacity necessary for collection every other week.
- Carts will be blue in color to help residents differentiate them from current garbage carts.

The distribution of carts is not a requirement of the proposal, but is encouraged. The City reserves the right to enter into a contract that provides for its best interest, which may include both cart purchase and distribution.

Public Works may have the ability to implement a roll-out of the new single sort recycling collection program to approximately 30,000 collection points this fall due, based on the following measures:

- Utilizing four rear load packer trucks obtained through Solid Waste & Recycling's annual truck replacement program. These trucks are due to arrive this August 2012.
- Obtaining an agreement for single sort recycling processing through the Request for Proposal process.
- Purchase and distribution of approximately 30,000 recycling carts through this RFP.