



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Finance

Date: September 12, 2011

To: Honorable Elizabeth Glidden, Chair Regulatory, Energy, and Environment Committee

Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Accept an Additional \$12,000 State of Minnesota Grant for Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.**

Recommendation:

- a) Authorize proper City officers to accept an amended "Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle Task Force Grant" from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, formerly the Office of Energy Security (OES) for a new total of \$37,000 for the purchase and installation of three electric vehicle charging stations in the Haaf parking ramp, receivable to 01300 6800600 G3680EV.
- b) That the proper City officers be authorized to negotiate and execute documents associated with the grant.

Previous Directives:

- May 27, 2011– City Council approves accepting \$25,000 grant for the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations in the Haaf Parking Ramp.
- October 8, 2010 – Accepted \$20,000 grant from Xcel Energy for the purchase of a Transit Connect electric vehicle. This grant required installation of a least one electric vehicle charging station in a public parking ramp.

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval _NA Date _____

Civil Rights Approval Approval _NA Date _____

Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval _NA Date _____

Financial Impact

None

Community Impact

City Goals: Livable Communities - Healthy Lives; and Eco-Focused

Background/Supporting Information

The City Council on May 27, 2011 approved the acceptance of a \$25,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce to install two electric vehicle charging stations in the Haaf Parking Ramp. The Department of Commerce has increased the amount of the grant an additional \$12,000 to a total of \$37,000 to allow the City of Minneapolis to install three electric vehicle charging stations in the Haaf Parking Ramp. The City of St. Paul is also receiving similar state grant funds for charging stations.

The cost of purchasing and installing the three charging stations will be completely covered by the \$37,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources. There will be additional electricity charges every time a charging station is used. The total yearly cost to the City, of three vehicles using the charging stations 8 hours each work day, would be less than \$1,800.