

Request for Council Action

Originator City Manager	Item I-494 Corridor Commission Appointment
Agenda Section Organizational	Date 1/5/2015

Description

The Corridor Commission is a joint powers organization consisting of representatives from Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Minnetonka, Richfield, and Plymouth. The Corridor Commission was established in 1988 to implement travel demand management (TDM) strategies and to pursue mobility improvements within the I-494 corridor. Dues for 2014 were \$23,976.96.

The I-494 Corridor Commission Board of Directors has approved an increase in member city dues contingent upon approval from each of the five member cities (Bloomington, Richfield, Edina, Eden Prairie and Minnetonka). In the event that any of the five cities does not approve the increase, it will not take effect.

The proposed increase would raise the annual dues from \$0.28 per resident to \$0.30 per resident. Given Bloomington's most recent certified population of 85,935, if approved, Bloomington's dues would increase to \$25,781. The Finance Division has reviewed the budget and determined that sufficient funds are available.

Local dues serve as a 20% match to leverage federal resources. Most of the Corridor Commission's funding comes from federal sources. The Corridor Commission Board recommend a dues increase because of increasing costs and because of changing requirements regarding which items may be covered by federal funds. The last I-494 Corridor Commission dues increase was in 2012, and prior to that in 2006.

The Commission's regular meeting time is the second Wednesday of the month from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

Each city involved is allowed two commissioners (one council member and one staff member) and one alternate. Staff feels that it is not necessary to appoint an alternate, and recommends appointment of a Council representative and a staff representative.

Bloomington's representatives in 2014 were:

Jon Oleson, City Council Member	Commissioner
Glen Markegard, Planning Manager	Commissioner
Tim Busse City Council Member	Alternate

Mr. Markegard seeks reappointment.

Requested Action

The City Council is requested to appoint a Councilmember and a staff representative to serve on the I-494 Corridor Commission to fill terms expiring on 12/31/15.

The City Council is requested to consent to an increase in annual membership dues to \$0.30 per resident.

Attachments:

494 Corridor 2015 budget.xlsx
2015 Work Plan