

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Direction on Providing Comments to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) regarding the Bituminous Roadway Inc. Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW).

BACKGROUND

The Minnesota PCA has informed the City that they are extending the comment period for the Bituminous Roadways EAW to September 10, 2010. Staff feels this is an opportunity to formally make comments on the EAW by the City. Staff has been reviewing the document and initially feels that there needs to be more clarification and information on several items, including:

- Greater understanding and characterization of the petroleum impacted soils on the site.
- More information regarding the “steaming” of the railcars and what happens with that runoff.
- Greater detail on the flushing of roads for dust control and the spraying of the piles to mitigate dust.
- Greater analysis of the potential cumulative impacts of the operation of the asphalt to the adjoining residential, golf course, and industrial uses.

Staff will continue to review the document to see if there are any more areas of concern that require further information and/or study.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

Staff believes that all impacts of an asphalt plant need to be reviewed and studied so that all appropriate changes and mitigation strategies be implemented as they are important for the protection of the health, welfare, safety and environment of the city’s residential neighborhoods and business community. Submitting a letter to the PCA in regards to the EAW raising the City’s concern will further that goal.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Not applicable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is asking the City Council to have a discussion on the merits of submitting a letter to the PCA in regards to the Bituminous Roadways EAW that would ask for additional information, study, and

24 clarification of the proposal. The City Council should also discuss additional matters not identified by
25 staff that should be included in the letter.

26 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

27 Authorize staff to write and submit a letter to the PCA commenting on Bituminous Roadways EAW.

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Attachments: None