

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Department Approval

City Manager Approval

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Item Description: Discussion of Possible Legislative Actions

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 Senator John Marty, Representative Mindy Greiling and Representative Bev Scalze are planning
3 to attend the December 5, 2011, City Council meeting.

4 Councilmembers, staff and the Parks Implementation Team had identified the legislative
5 initiative supporting the League of Minnesota Cities recommendation to give cities the ability to
6 diversify their sources of revenue, including allowing cities to impose a local option sales tax for
7 public capital improvements with the adoption of a supporting resolution by the City Council.
8 Cities should have the discretion about whether to seek approval of the voters at a general or
9 special session.

10 Councilmembers have asked for legislative support for the public transit system, including
11 considering the NE Diagonal, and including of Roseville on Metropolitan Council maps and
12 plans. Councilmembers also asked for support to address environmental quality issues and
13 helping local government protect water quality in their communities.

14 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

15 Develop a strategy to work with Roseville's legislative delegation to address the city's needs and
16 concerns.

17 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

18 None

19 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

20 Discuss developing a plan for working with the Roseville legislative delegation and develop
21 strategies to address Roseville's needs and concerns at the Legislature.
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