



## MEMORANDUM

To: Saint Anthony Village City Council  
From: Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director  
Date: September 27, 2022 City Council Meeting  
Resolution: Approval of Resolution 22-065 - Authorizing Participation in the Statewide Public Works Mutual Aid Pact

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### OVERVIEW

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a process for local units of government to share public works personnel and equipment with participating agencies. There is no membership or fixed cost to participate in this public works mutual aid pact.

This agreement should not be interpreted as being limited to only use during catastrophic situations, rather may be leveraged for routine circumstances such as training efforts and maintenance operations for example. The decision when to request assistance or provide assistance is left entirely to the discretion of the requesting and or sending party. The sending party has discretion whether to provide personnel or equipment and can recall such assistance at any time.

If resources are requested it should be expected that those costs would be invoiced however the agreement says that "charges may be levied", so it is the decision of the sending party whether or not to invoice the receiving party. The agreement also speaks to responsibility and liability. Each party shall be responsible for its own personnel or damaged equipment for example. Responding personnel shall be deemed to be performing regular duties for each respective sending party for purposes of workers compensation.

Hennepin County Emergency Management (HCEM) has volunteered to serve as the administrative coordinator for this agreement among local units of government. This agreement will better position the City to coordinate and work with its partnering agencies through a formalized agreement.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Resolution approving the public works mutual aid pact

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Mutual Aid Agreement
- Resolution 22-065