

April 25, 2006

TO: John M. Lamerato, Acting City Manager

FROM: Brain Murphy, Asst. City Manager/Services
Steve Vandette, City Engineer
John Abraham, Traffic Engineer
Charles Craft, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Agenda Item - **Standard Purchasing Resolution 9**
Approval to Expend Funds for Membership Dues and Renewals Over \$10,000
Renewal of Membership in the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) of
Oakland County

Recommendation:

Request Council authorization to renew membership in the Traffic Improvement Association, at a cost to the City of \$25,500 for 2006. This membership fee is calculated based on the Act 51 monies allocated to member municipalities.

Background:

The City has been a member of the TIA since 1975. The TIA is a private non-profit organization that is responsive to the problems and needs of local traffic officials. They also perform area-wide programs such as the Drunk Driving Project, which resulted in 20% fewer alcohol-related accidents in Oakland County. TIA has been a source of traffic facts, including traffic crashes and traffic operations data. TIA has also recently taken over processing of crash reports from the Michigan State Police to ensure more timely and more accurate crash data. In the past year, the City obtained citywide traffic crash statistics (including the intersection and road segment crash reports and ranking), county traffic crash trends, location-specific crash details, and alcohol-related statistics for the City. TIA continues to work with the Corradino Group, consultant for the I-75 corridor study that aims at improving safety and efficiency of traffic on I-75 in Oakland County. TIA also works with our adjacent communities to improve traffic in the general area, that can be a secondary benefit to the City. Also attached is a memo from Frank Cardimen, President of TIA.

TIA also works with the Troy Police Department on several enforcement-related projects and grants. They facilitated our Police Department receiving in excess of \$20,000 last year in federal funds for alcohol and seat belt enforcement. TIA also keeps the enforcement and traffic engineering community updated on new Traffic Improvement issues through their quarterly "Early Birds Meeting".

Budget:

Funds are available in the 2005-2006 Traffic Engineering budget, Account No. 446.7958.

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MEMORANDUM

To: John Abraham, P.E., PhD.
 City of Troy

From: Frank Cardimen
 TIA

RE: How TIA supports the City of Troy

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Per our conversation yesterday, I am providing you with a few important ways in which TIA supports/supported the City of Troy, its police department to improve traffic safety in your community.

Traffic Crash Data

- For nearly 39 years TIA has provided important traffic crash data to you and all communities in Oakland County that help identify high traffic crash locations. TIA also provides location studies for intersections and road links and provides ranking reports of these crashes for your community and county. With this data, problem areas have been identified and specific projects developed to improve traffic safety problems.

- TIA crash data is also important since we have the time, day and month of year to analyze. Troy police patrols have participated in the state's "*Click It or Ticket and Don't Drink or Drive*" campaigns. Various analyses from our crash data allow us to place your law enforcement at places where there are drinking and driving problems. TIA has provided funding for Troy Police Department overtime pay that has helped improve our community.

- I am attaching a three year report about Troy's traffic crash data and ranking reports of the intersections and road links for the past three years for your review.

- In May 2006 TIA will implement the conversion of all traffic crash data to our web site that will allow you and the police department to go online to identify any immediate problems in Troy.

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- TIA's traffic crash data supported the justification for MDOT to construct the center median barrier on I-75 in Troy. TIA worked closely with Troy law enforcement to achieve this important project that has helped reduce/eliminate cross over crashes in your community.
- TIA is, and has been, able to provide an important "shield" for law enforcement with neighbor traffic problems. With our staff Professional Engineer, TIA is able to present an independent view of the problem/solution. Many "potential" problems have been eliminated before they get to city council with our ability to defuse emotions and offer independent engineering opinions about the problem.
- Early Birds....for over 34 years these educational programs help bring new ideas to law enforcement and the engineering community to improve traffic safety.

I hope this information provides you with some addition information that you can use to support our request for continued financial support from the City of Troy.

Please advise if you have any further questions.