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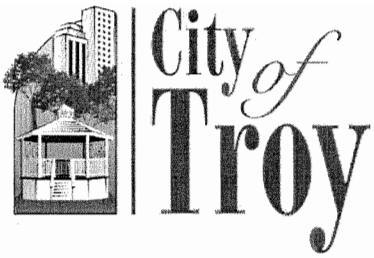

# CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

April 10, 2007

TO: Philip L. Nelson, City Manager

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

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

Background:

- The TIA membership fee for participation for 2007, $25,100, is due. This is a $400 decrease from the 2006 dues.
- 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.
- TIA is a source of traffic facts, including traffic crashes and traffic operations data.
- In 2006 TIA launched a GIS web-based traffic crash analysis system that allows for on-line access to crash analysis, engineering diagrams, and crash mapping.
- TIA has also taken over processing of crash reports from the Michigan State Police to ensure timelier and more accurate crash data.
- The City of Troy obtains 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 from TIA.
- TIA also works with our adjacent communities to improve traffic in the general area that can be a secondary benefit to the City.
- TIA is working with the Troy Police Department and other 1-75 communities in the development of a standardized protocol for the quick and safe clearing of crashes from the expressway.
- TIA works with the Troy Police Department on several enforcement-related projects and grants.
- They facilitated the Police Department in obtaining approximately $26,427 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."

Financial Considerations:

Funds are available in the 2006-2007 Traffic Engineering budget, account # 446.7958.

Legal Considerations:

- N/A

Policy Considerations:

- Enhance the livability and safety of the community (Goal 1)
- Maintain relevance of public infrastructure to meet changing needs (Goal 5)
- Emphasize regionalism and incorporate creativity into the annual strategic planning process (Goal 6)

Options:

- Approve the request.
- Deny the request.

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Enclosed is the 2007 request for Traffic Improvement Association's (TIA) membership support from our local communities. As in the previous years, this membership fee is based on one-half of one percent of the FY05-06 ACT 51 gas-weight tax revenues. This year the amount requested from the city is $25,100. This amount is a decrease of $400 from 2006.

TIA celebrates its 40th anniversary in March 2007. We are proud of our efforts with our 65 community members, 45 law enforcement agencies, 12 district courts, schools, businesses and citizens.

During the past year TIA has focused on 1) providing more current, accurate traffic crash data so that we can provide our communities, the Road Commission for Oakland County and MDOT with important information to help solve some of our traffic problems. In August, 2006 TIA launched a new project that will provide TIA stakeholders with a GIS web-based traffic crash system allowing for crash analysis at your site, engineering diagrams and mapping of crashes. This program will allow for more analytical tools to help you reduce crashes by mid-2007.

Oakland County reported its traffic fatalities in 2005 at 77 with a rate of 0.57. This fatality rate is the lowest in Michigan and the US. However, there were 23 alcohol-related deaths. Alcohol-related crashes were down and the number of fatalities were down but the per cent remains at 33%....same as Michigan and the US.

There were 42,000 traffic crashes recorded in Oakland County in 2005. This is a reduction of 2200 over 2004. Even though Oakland County has better traffic safety rates than other counties in Michigan and the US, we still have much to do to help save lives and reduce serious injuries caused by traffic crashes.

On behalf of TIA, our Board of Directors and the citizens of Oakland County, I thank you for your continued support of our efforts and the trust you show in TIA. We strive to be worthy of this trust. I encourage you to call me if you have any questions or comments at 248-334-4971.

Sincerely,

Frank P. Cardimen, Jr.
President

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**CLIENT NAME:**

CITY OF TROY
PHIL NELSON, CITY MANAGER
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**INVOICE DATE:** 1/17/07

**TERMS:** DUE UPON RECEIPT

**INVOICE TOTAL:** $25,100.00

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT DUE: $25,100.00 |
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| 1/17/07 | INVOICING FOR TIA ANNUAL SUPPORT BASED ON 0.5% OF ACT 51 GAS-WEIGHT TAX REVENUES FOR FY2004-05, PER ATTACHED LETTER. | |

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