



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Subject: Renewal of Membership in the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) of Oakland County

Background

The City of Troy 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 are a source for traffic facts, including traffic crashes and traffic operations 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 the TIA and as a TIA member they are provided without charge.

The TIA works with the Troy Police Department on several enforcement-related projects and grants, including recent and ongoing speed limit studies in order for the City of Troy to be compliant with Public Act 85. They facilitated the Police Department in obtaining over \$18,900.00 last year in federal grants for alcohol and seat belt endorsement. The TIA also works with our adjacent communities to improve traffic in the general area that can be a secondary benefit to the City.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City of Troy renew its membership with the Traffic Improvement Association. The partnership the City has developed with TIA over the past 35 years has led to many collaborative efforts that have enhanced traffic safety in our community.

Fund Availability

The renewal membership fee for the year 2011 is \$ 24,400.00, the same fee charged in 2009 and 2010. Funds are available and will be divided equally between Traffic Engineering's Membership and Dues fund and the Police Department's Contractual Services General fund.

City Attorney's Review as to Form and Legality

N/A