

**TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council**

**FROM: City Administrator Ron Johnson**

**SUBJECT: Approve MN Transportation Alliance Membership**

**DATE: January 28, 2016**

**BACKGROUND**

According to their website-

*"The Minnesota Transportation Alliance is a statewide coalition of organizations advocating for a safe and effective transportation system that works for all Minnesotans.*

*The Alliance prides itself on being the state's foremost authority on the full spectrum of transportation policy matters in Minnesota. The Alliance addresses transportation funding and policy issues involving all modes of transportation, and at all levels of government.*

*The Alliance is the one place where different organizations all come together to reach consensus and develop partnerships that allow for funding success.*

*As an Alliance member, you will receive regular updates on the latest legislative activity in St. Paul as well as federal updates on congressional action in Washington, D.C. These updates – provided to members via e-mail and our web site -- ensure that you are kept informed on the latest transportation-related news that will directly affect you and your organization. The Alliance staff also provides information in response to specific requests posed by our member organizations. At the Alliance, providing effective service to members is a top priority, so we strive to respond to member requests as quickly as possible, usually within 24 hours."*

Their 2015 annual meeting was held at the Cannon River Winery. Goodhue County members are the City of Red Wing, the City of Lake City and Goodhue County.

Our dues for a 12-month period would be \$209. Membership to the Alliance would be a great help in being kept informed of transportation projects in our area and of potential funding opportunities.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Approve a motion approving annual membership to the MN Transportation Alliance at a cost of \$209.

Attachment(s): N/A