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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Ray Steiger, P.E. Interim Public Works Director
Date: May 3, 2011
Subject: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION – MAY 15-21, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council authorize the Mayor to present a proclamation for Public Works Week 2011.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Each year the American Public Works Association promotes Public Works Week throughout the Nation. Cities, counties and special districts can choose to what extent they celebrate and acknowledge Public Works Week. The theme for 2011 is '**Public Works: serving you and your community.**'

In addition, the purpose of the week is to educate the public on the benefits provided to the community through the physical infrastructure and the efforts of public works professionals. A significant portion of the education efforts are to inform the public of the role they play in making good choices to help maintain the physical infrastructure and natural environment. Specifically, solid waste recycling, water conservation, travel by alternative modes, promoting natural runoff, enhancing water quality and reporting problems with the infrastructure are some way citizens participate in managing and protecting both the public works system and the natural environment.

Another element of Public Works week is to inform the citizens of the value they receive for their investments in the public works infrastructure. Citizens pay a variety of rates, fees, charges and taxes for a host of public works services, and they benefit by services including a transportation network, solid waste disposal and recycling, water quality, reduced flooding and erosion, clean water, wastewater collection and treatment, and other services.

Highlighting the products and services delivered to Kirkland citizens is imperative, especially during difficult financial times. However, mindful of the current concerns that many have about financial conditions, Public Works will not be undertaking their historical presence at the Wednesday Market this year. Public Works will be presenting various displays at City Hall during the month of May, as well as emphasizing services on the City's web site.

Finally, enclosed within this packet is a proclamation for designating May 15-21, 2011 as Public Works Week in the City of Kirkland. Ray Steiger, Interim Public Works Director, and staff will be on hand to receive the proclamation at the Tuesday, May 17th City Council meeting.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating May 15-21, 2011 as "Public Works Week" in the City of Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association acknowledges "National Public Works Week" each year in the third week in May as a way to honor the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2011 campaign is "Public Works: Serving You and Your Community;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland City Council has long recognized "Public Works Week" because many of the essential services of a productive life, such as clean water, adequate drainage, safe roads, reliable wastewater collection, a functional tree canopy, dedicated bike lanes, safe walk routes, timely solid waste collection, efficient facilities, and critical emergency response vehicles, are provided by Kirkland Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland, through City Council action and support, has been a leader in maintenance standards, capital investments, sustainability, pedestrian safety, and recycling; and

WHEREAS, these services are provided by a diverse workforce with a variety of backgrounds and experience levels that share a common mission: "Caring for your infrastructure to keep Kirkland healthy, safe and vibrant;"

WHEREAS, Kirkland citizens and Public Works employees are stewards of the City's infrastructure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 15-21, 2011 as "National Public Works Week"** in the City of Kirkland, Washington and call upon all citizens to join in celebrating their investment in the public works of their City.

Signed this 17th day of May, 2011

Joan McBride, Mayor