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City of Columbus Council Workshop Meeting

October 7, 2025

Agenda Item Number: Item 1

Agenda Item: MN Assoc. of Small Cities Presentation

Agenda Item Summary:

The Minnesota Association of Small Cities (MAOSC) is a statewide organization dedicated to representing cities with populations under 5,000.

MAOSC provides advocacy at the state and federal levels, ensuring the unique needs of small cities are represented in legislative discussions.

In addition to policy advocacy, the Association offers networking, education, and resource-sharing opportunities to strengthen small city governance and operations. Membership connects communities like ours to a broader coalition working to address challenges common to small municipalities across Minnesota.

Cap O'Rourke, Executive Director, made a presentation at the 2025 League of MN Cities Conference in which City Staff were in attendance. City Staff thought it would be beneficial for City Council to be introduced/reintroduced to MAOSC, hear about the potential membership benefits for the City, and provide Councilmembers an opportunity to ask questions.



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Agenda Item Number: Item 2

Agenda Item: Anoka County Highway Department Project Updates

Agenda Item Summary:

Jerry Auge, Anoka County Highway Department Assistant Engineer, will review the September 25, 2025 Open House comments for the Potomac Project, the detour plan for the Lake Drive/Kettle River Blvd Roundabout Project and provide a project update for the Lexington Avenue Project.

Materials and handouts will be provided at the meeting.