



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

It is hoped that this initiative will improve operational efficiency. No appropriation is required.

Title

Commending Cheryl Erickson of the Streets Division for her ingenuity in developing a cost and time saving initiative.

Body

WHEREAS, Cheryl Erickson has been a valued member of the City of Madison Streets Division since 1990.

WHEREAS, Ms. Erickson has previously collected refuse and recyclables by following the Streets Division's written routes.

AND, WHEREAS, Cheryl has been operating snow plows and salt spreaders on City of Madison streets since being employed by the City.

WHEREAS, Cheryl has long sought ways to improve the operators ability to view the salt, refuse and recycling routes while at the same time remaining focused on traffic, the spreader controls, the plow controls as well as the intricacies involved in operating the controls on the automated collection equipment.

WHEREAS, Ms. Erickson has developed, through the use of GPS technology, a turn by turn routing system with voice assistance to assist all operators of the Streets Division. This newly developed routing system will inform all operators when to salt, which lane to salt and when not to salt using voice-assisted technology and visual mapping capabilities. Her system will also assist the refuse and recycling operators in the same manner.

AND, WHEREAS, the use of the system developed by Ms. Erickson will allow plow operators and the automated collection crews to focus on driving and operating their vehicles without having to read a route sheet at the same time. As a result, our streets will be safer for all, operators and citizens alike.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council express it's gratitude and appreciation to Cheryl Erickson for her ingenuity and willingness to go beyond what is expected of a City of Madison employee.