



## U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

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To: US 169 Coalition Board

From: Lisa Freese

Regarding Tort Liability Waiver

### Background:

Cities or Joint Powers Boards obtaining liability coverage from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust must decide whether or not to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. The decision to waive or not to waive the statutory limits has the following effects:

- *If the Board does not waive the statutory tort limits*, an individual claimant would be able to recover no more than \$500,000 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply. The total which all claimants would be able to recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited to \$1,500,000. These statutory tort limits would apply regardless of whether or not the city purchases the optional excess liability coverage.
- *If the Board waives the statutory tort limits and does not purchase excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could potentially recover up to \$1,500,000, on a single occurrence. The total which all claimants would be able to recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to \$1,500,000, regardless of the number of claimants.
- *If the Board waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount up to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total which all claimants would be able to recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to the amount of coverage purchased, regardless of the number of claimants.

Claims to which the statutory municipal tort limits do not apply are not affected by this decision.

### Discussion:

Staff has reviewed this and recommends that the Board continue to NOT waive the Tort Liability limits under Minnesota Statute. To waive it, would result in an increase the premium and because of nature of the US coalition's activities there doesn't appear to be any reason we would need to have coverage exceeding the \$1.5 million limit per occurrence. Our premium cost has not been rated for this year, but last year the insurance premium was \$850.

### Action:

A motion to **NOT WAIVE** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04 for the US Coalition Joint Powers Board for the Board's insurance Coverage in 2016.



## LIABILITY COVERAGE – WAIVER FORM

**LMCIT members purchasing coverage must complete and return this form to LMCIT before the effective date of the coverage. Please return the completed form to your underwriter or email to [pstech@lmc.org](mailto:pstech@lmc.org)**

This decision must be made by the member's governing body every year. You may also wish to discuss these issues with your attorney.

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) members that obtain liability coverage from LMCIT must decide whether to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. The decision has the following effects:

- ┆ *If the member does not waive the statutory tort limits*, an individual claimant would be able to recover no more than \$500,000 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply. The total all claimants would be able to recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited to \$1,500,000. These statutory tort limits apply regardless of whether the city purchases the optional excess liability coverage.
- ┆ *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and does not purchase excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could potentially recover up to \$2,000,000 for a single occurrence. (Under this option, the tort cap liability limits are waived to the extent of the member's liability coverage limits, and the LMCIT per occurrence limit is \$2 million.) The total all claimants would be able to recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to \$2,000,000, regardless of the number of claimants.
- ┆ *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount up to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total all claimants would be able to recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to the amount of coverage purchased, regardless of the number of claimants.

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US Highway 169 Corridor Coalition selects liability coverage limits of \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT).

Check one:

- The member **DOES NOT WAIVE** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04.
- The member **WAIVES** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04 to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT.

Date of city council/governing body meeting January 14, 2016

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Position US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition, Board Chair