

T Transportation Committee

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For Metropolitan Council Meeting: September 9, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 14, 2009

Subject: Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Central Corridor Light Rail Vehicle Procurement

District(s), All

Member(s):

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes 471.59 and 473.3994

Reference:

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Council's procurement of Central Corridor Light Vehicles.

Background

- The Council and MnDOT may enter into cooperative agreements providing for use of each agency's respective authorities to deliver the Central Corridor project. The Council will act as the lead agency to procure the light rail vehicles for Central Corridor. This agreement allows the Council to use the Best Value procurement method for acquiring these vehicles.
- Under this method, the Council would consider and evaluate technical proposals along with costs in order to determine the car builder that provides the best value.

Rationale

Utilizing a best value process for procurement of the Central Corridor light rail vehicles allows for analysis of various cars and builders to determine the best value for the Met Council and the general public.

Funding

Funding for this contract is provided for within the Central Corridor project budget.

Known Support/Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.