

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: May 10, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 26, 2010

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** April 29, 2010  
**Subject:** Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with Xcel Energy  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510  
Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen. Manager, 651-602-1942  
Rich Rovang, CCLRT Project Director 651-602-1941  
Jim Alexander, Assistant Director Transit Systems Dev. 651-602-1937  
**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy relative to the Civil East Construction in Saint Paul in a principal amount of \$1,000,000.

**Background**

The Metropolitan Council and Xcel Energy will need a Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement to permit Xcel Energy to reimburse the Council for utility relocation work as part of the Civil East Construction contract.

**Rationale**

The Metropolitan Council and Xcel Energy wish to work cooperatively on the utility relocations to minimize impacts to Xcel Energy facilities, to save costs, and to meet the CCLRT Project schedule.

This Cooperative Agreement reduces the schedule risk for CCLRT Civil East Construction by allowing a single contractor to coordinate CCLRT work with Xcel utility work.

Agreements over \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

**Funding**

Xcel Energy will reimburse the Metropolitan Council for the utility relocation work.

**Known Support / Opposition**

Xcel Energy supports this cooperative agreement. No known opposition.