

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 9, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: May 25, 2011

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** May 3, 2011  
**Subject:** Highway 36 and Rice Street Park-and-Ride --  
Interagency Agreement with Ramsey County  
**District(s), Member(s):** District 11, Sandy Rummel  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.405 and 471.59  
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement with Ramsey County relative to the construction of roadway improvements for access to a proposed Highway 36 and Rice Street Park-and-Ride.

### Background

Ramsey County is currently reconstructing the Highway 36 and Rice Street interchange and including adjacent county roads. Metro Transit is currently designing a 270-space park-and-ride facility in the southeast quadrant of the new interchange, for construction in 2012. County Road B (now being resurfaced) provides access to the proposed park-and-ride.

In order to eliminate any reconstruction of County Road B when the Park-and-Ride is constructed next summer, the County has requested that any modifications necessary for vehicle access and utility service to the park and ride be completed now, along with their re-construction of the interchange.

The County is willing to amend their construction contract to include the improvements needed to access the park and ride upon approval of an interagency agreement with and funding from the Metropolitan Council. The cost of the improvements is estimated at up to \$80,000.

### Rationale

An Interagency Agreement with Ramsey County will ensure timely roadway improvements in support of the future park-and-ride facility and eliminate re-work and associated disruption to traffic next year. Interagency agreements require Council authorization.

### Funding

Local funds are available to cover the cost of the improvements this year. Chapter 152 funding has been approved for the construction of the Highway 36 and Rice Street Park-and-Ride project. However, such funds are not yet available to the project.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

Ramsey County strongly supports the construction of the roadway improvements required for the park and ride as part of the current Highway 36 and Rice Street interchange reconstruction.