



Transportation Committee

**Business Item:
2011-266**

Meeting date: October 10, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: October 26, 2011

| ADVISORY INFORMATION | |
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| Date: | September 22, 2011 |
| Subject: | Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line) and Blue Line (Hiawatha): Amendment to the Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation for Bridges and Structures |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405 |
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| Division/Department: | Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to delineate maintenance responsibility of the bridges and structures located on State Right of Way along the alignments of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) and the Hiawatha LRT (HLRT) Extension near the Northstar Commuter Line.

Background

On July 12, 2005, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with MnDOT to delineate maintenance responsibility of bridge structures located within the Hiawatha Light Rail system State Right-of-Way, from the junction of Interstate 494 / 34th Avenue South in Bloomington, to the LRT bridge over I-35W south of 5th Street in Minneapolis. This agreement included eight structures.

Since 2005, a four block extension of the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit system was constructed and the CCLRT is currently being constructed with revenue operation scheduled for 2014. Structures included in this agreement include the HLRT bridge over TH 394 in Minneapolis, CCLRT bridges over I-35W in Minneapolis and bridges over TH 280, and I-94 in St. Paul.

Rationale

This amendment is necessary to delineate maintenance responsibility of bridges and structures along CCLRT State Right-of-Way. In general, Council will be responsible for maintenance on Council LRT owned bridges and structures. MnDOT will be responsible for maintenance on State owned vehicular bridges and structures.

Funding

Funding for maintenance is included in the HLRT operating budget and will be included in the CCLRT operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

MnDOT supports the agreement. No known opposition.