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Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 23, 2012

Metropolitan Council Meeting: August 8, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: July 12, 2012

Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line):

Funding Agreement with the City of St. Paul for

Traction Power Sub Station 12

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Funding Agreement with the City of St. Paul requiring the City to reimburse the Metropolitan Council for the cost of a Permanent Easement with the St. Paul Port Authority for Traction Power Sub Station 12 (TPSS -12) in the Capital City Parking Ramp.

Background

The City of St. Paul requested that the Metropolitan Council relocate TPSS -12 from the designed location at the corner of Cedar Street and 5th Street to a permanent easement in the Capital City Parking Ramp. The permanent easement will allow the Metropolitan Council to operate TPSS -12 in the easement indefinitely as well as the right to ingress and egress in perpetuity of the facility for maintenance. The easement also allows the Metropolitan Council's contractor to use a portion of the property for construction of the TPSS facility.

Rationale

This Funding Agreement is required so the City of St. Paul can reimburse the Metropolitan Council for the purchase of a permanent easement in the Capital City Parking Ramp, which must be acquired in a timely manner to enable the construction contractor to begin work as specified in the construction documents. The City of St. Paul commissioned a property appraisal to determine the fair market value of this easement. The appraisal value is \$563,500.

Funding

The City of St. Paul will reimburse the Metropolitan Council for all costs related to the permanent easement. This funding is outside of the CCLRT budget.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of St. Paul supports the funding agreement. No known opposition.