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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):** 

Easement Agreement with the Port Authority of 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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**Division/Department: Metro Transit/ Central Corridor Project Office** 

## **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Permanent Easement Agreement with the Port Authority of the City of St. Paul and Wells Fargo Bank National Association for the permanent location of 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 for 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.

The City of St. Paul will reimburse the Metropolitan Council for the entire cost to relocate TPSS-12 from the design location to the Capital City Ramp under separate funding agreements with the Metropolitan Council.

#### **Rationale**

This Easement Agreement is required to purchase the 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.

## **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, the Port Authority of the City of St. Paul and Wells Fargo Bank National Association support the Permanent Easement Agreement. No known opposition.