

C Community Development Committee

Meeting date: April 16, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 11, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Enter into Agreement with City of Minneapolis to Provide Services for Metropolitan Council's Sale of Excess Land
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Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes § 473.129; § 471.59
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Division/Department:	Community Development; Office of General Counsel

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a cooperation agreement with the City of Minneapolis for performance of certain services by the City of Minneapolis in conjunction with the sale of excess LRT land by the Metropolitan Council.

Overview and Funding

Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59 authorizes two or more governmental units to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties.

In January 2006, the Metropolitan Council adopted a policy pertaining to declaration and disposal of surplus real property. At that same meeting, the Council declared certain Hiawatha Corridor LRT properties as surplus properties and authorized sale of the properties.

In order to assure that the sale of the excess parcels by the Council results in the creation of transit and community benefits, the City of Minneapolis has proposed that it provide certain services to the Council in preparation for sale of the properties. Those services include the following: performance of traffic counts on adjacent streets, preparation of a request for proposals (RFP) for purchase of the properties, marketing of the RFPs, hosting pre-proposal conferences, participation in the evaluation of the RFPs, and execution of a development agreement with the purchaser. The Council and the City of Minneapolis propose to enter into an agreement which sets forth the terms of the agreement with respect to the services to be performed by Minneapolis and reimbursement for such services by the Council. It is anticipated that the Council will reimburse the City at closing from the proceeds of the sale of the properties. Minneapolis has currently estimated that its costs to perform the services is \$42,500.00.

It is recommended that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Minneapolis providing that Minneapolis perform certain services for the Council in conjunction with the Council's sale of surplus LRT properties, such services to be identified in the Agreement, and that the Council reimburse the City for such services. The Agreement will further provide that provision of the services by the City of Minneapolis will be subject to FTA approval.