

T Transportation Committee

Metropolitan Council meeting: May 26, 2010

Date May 11, 2010

Prepared:

Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with Xcel Energy

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy relative to the Civil East Construction in Saint Paul in a principal amount of \$1,000,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Mark Fuhrmann presented the item. Motion made by Councilmember Steffen, seconded by Councilmember Scherer and approved unanimously. Councilmember Leppik requested that this item go as consent on the Council agenda.

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Meeting date: May 10, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 26, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 29, 2010
Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with Xcel Energy
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405
Staff Prepared/Presented: Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510
Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen. Manager, 651-602-1942
Rich Rovang, CCLRT Project Director 651-602-1941
Jim Alexander, Assistant Director Transit Systems Dev. 651-602-1937
Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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Background

The Metropolitan Council and Xcel Energy will need a Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement to permit Xcel Energy to reimburse the Council for utility relocation work as part of the Civil East Construction contract.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council and Xcel Energy wish to work cooperatively on the utility relocations to minimize impacts to Xcel Energy facilities, to save costs, and to meet the CCLRT Project schedule.

This Cooperative Agreement reduces the schedule risk for CCLRT Civil East Construction by allowing a single contractor to coordinate CCLRT work with Xcel utility work.

Agreements over \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Xcel Energy will reimburse the Metropolitan Council for the utility relocation work.

Known Support / Opposition

Xcel Energy supports this cooperative agreement. No known opposition.