

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 26, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	February 12, 2007
Subject:	Lease Agreement for 28 th Avenue LRT Station Interim Parking
District(s), Member(s):	District 5, Russ Susag
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Sec. 473.129 & 473.405
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612 349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 612 349-7513 Tom Thorstenson, Director, Engineering & Construction, 612 349-7689
Division/Department:	Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities Division

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the Mall of America Corporation (MOAC) for the lease of property located at 8200 28th Avenue and 8201 24th Avenue, Bloomington, for use by the Council as interim parking facilities.

Issue(s)

- Metropolitan Council approval is required for interagency agreements.

Overview and Funding

Construction of the 28th Avenue Park and Ride Facility is scheduled to begin in mid-April 2007 and complete by September 2008. The LRT Station will remain open during construction of the facility. The construction will displace approximately 350 surface parking spaces.

Space is available for interim parking on the west side of 28th Avenue, on property referred to as the Kelly Farm. The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) owns the property and has indicated their willingness to lease this property for interim parking purposes. The Mall of America Corporation (MOAC), however, is in the process of purchasing this property and may become the owner within the next several months. The MOAC has indicated their willingness to enter into a three-party (MAC-MOAC-Council) lease agreement that will address their concerns when they become the owner of the property. The lease period will be for a period of up to 20 months.

The maximum lease cost is \$200,000. Funding for this agreement will be provided by the Bloomington Port Authority Lease Revenue Bonds.