

Transportation Committee

Executive Summary

Item: 2007-99

Consent

Meeting date: March 12, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 12, 2007
Subject:	Bikeways Data Maintenance
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Authorization required for Interagency Agreements
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Proposed Action/Motion

Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an interagency agreement with the Land Management Information Center in the Office of Geographic and Demographic Analysis, a division of the Minnesota Department of Administration, to provide maintenance services on the regional bikeways GIS data layer during 2007 for \$17,500.00.

Issues

- Metropolitan Council approval is required to enter into interagency agreements.
- Bikeways are an important part of the total transportation network in the region and bikeways data is an essential GIS data layer for regional transportation planning.
- The bikeways database needs to be maintained to retain its value to the region. The continual development of bikeways facilities within the region requires ongoing investments in data maintenance.

Overview and Funding

The regional bikeways dataset currently used in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area was developed as a cooperative effort between MnDOT, the Land Management Information Center (LMIC), the Metropolitan Council, and local units of government over the last few years. This data layer is currently the most accurate and complete bikeways data layer in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The dataset includes facilities which stand alone as well as those which are shared with other transportation facilities.

The funds used in this interagency agreement represent a portion of the total maintenance costs. In-kind contributions from local governmental units represent a significant share of the total investments in maintenance costs. The funds used in the interagency agreement were anticipated for this activity in the 2007 Transportation Planning budget.