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Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 24, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 9, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 14, 2011

Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Cooperative Funding Agreement with Qwest

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Construction and Funding Agreement with Qwest relative to design and construction costs for utility relocation along Segment 1 of the Civil East Construction limits for \$200,000.

Background

Metropolitan Council through Minnesota Department of Transportation issued Notice and Orders to Qwest to relocate their utilities along University Avenue in advance of the Civil East construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project. Throughout the project the Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) has coordinated with Qwest and other utility providers on the CCLRT project design and schedule.

Qwest has requested that CCPO make modifications to the plans for Segment 1 of the Civil East Construction to accommodate existing Qwest facilities. Segment 1 extends from Emerald Street Southeast to Hamline Avenue North on University Avenue.

Rationale

This coordinated effort will minimize impacts to the CCLRT Project construction and schedule.

Funding

Qwest will reimburse the Metropolitan Council for costs related to the design review, design modifications, and any change order related to the plan modifications.

Known Support / Opposition

Qwest supports this Funding Agreement. No known opposition.