

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: October 24, 2011
Metropolitan Council Meeting: November 9, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: October 14, 2011
Subject: Interagency Agreement with MnDOT to fund Hwy. 36 and Rice Street Park & Ride Construction
District(s), Member(s): District 11, Sandy Rummel
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.405 and 471.59
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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Engineering and Facilities Department

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for funding of the construction of the Highway 36 and Rice Street Park and Ride.

Background

In 2010, Metro Transit applied for and received MnDOT Chapter 152 Trunk Highway funds for 5 park and ride facilities in the metro area to reduce Trunk Highway Congestion. Hwy 36 and Rice Street is one of the approved park and rides sites with funding for \$2,363,296.00. MnDOT requires a separate interagency agreement to fund each park and ride.

The proposed project involves constructing a new 280 space surface park and ride facility at the southeast quadrant of Highway 36 and Rice Street on the Highway right of way. MnDOT has given an award notification to provide funding for the construction of the park and ride. The interagency agreement must be executed between MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council prior to bidding the project and awarding a construction contract.

Rationale

An Interagency Agreement with MnDOT will ensure timely construction of the park and ride facility. Interagency agreements require Council authorization.

Funding

MnDOT Chapter 152 Trunk Highway bond funding of approximately \$2,363,296.00 has been awarded for the construction of Project #62015, Highway 36 and Rice Street Park & Ride. MnDOT Chapter 152 Trunk Highway funds go to projects that help to reduce congestion on Trunk Highways.

Known Support / Opposition

MnDOT supports the construction of the park and ride.