

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 26, 2010

Date May 12, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: Adoption of the *2030 Park-and-Ride Plan*

Proposed Action:

It was moved by Council Member Haas Steffen and seconded by Council Member Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopt as the final 2030 Park-and-Ride Plan, the proposed final draft dated April, 2010, augmented with a statement that the Plan is subject to change both periodically and whenever a community indicates it is planning to join the Transit Capital Levy Communities.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

After a brief presentation by staff summarizing how the 2030 Park and Ride Plan has been updated, Council Member Haas Steffen asked that the Plan mention that it is subject to change both periodically and whenever a community indicates it is planning to join the Transit Capital Levy Communities. The proposed action was altered to allow for such additional language.

Council Member Hilker inquired about the status of a proposed park and ride located at Highway 36 and Rice Street. Staff responded that Metro Transit staff have been in contact with MnDOT, the cities of Roseville and Little Canada and Ramsey County to define the possibility of constructing a 300 space park and ride in the southeast quadrant of the interchange which is to be reconstructed. The Council submitted a competitive request to MnDOT for Chapter 152 funding for this project. Agencies will be notified later this summer as to Chapter 152 awards.

Council Member McFarland indicated that with the targeted doubling of transit ridership by 2030, the increase from 30,000 spaces today to 46,500 spaces in 2030 seemed modest. Staff responded that available park and ride space has tripled in the past 10 years and that 2030 projections are based on a reasonable expectation of growth without over extending Council resources. The Plan is set up to adjust periodically to reflect new trends that may be developing.

Council Member Scherer observed that the 46,500 spaces represent a considerable investment of Council resources.



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ADVISORY INFORMATION

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Subject: Adoption of the *2030 Park-and-Ride Plan*

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2030 Transportation Policy Plan

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt as the final *2030 Park-and-Ride Plan*, the proposed final draft dated April 2010.

Background

The *Park-and-Ride Plan* is a key component of ongoing planning and implementation of transit service and facilities in the region. The *2030 Park-and-Ride Plan* builds upon guidance set forth in the *Transit* Chapter of the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* and serves as a more detailed guide to selecting, prioritizing, and implementing new and expanded park-and-ride facilities. The current *Park-and-Ride Plan* was adopted in 2005. Since that time, staff has identified numerous modifications.

The regional park-and-ride system is presently comprised of 113 facilities and 30,000 spaces with planned system growth to 168 facilities and 46,500 spaces by 2030.

Staff presented information about the draft *Park-and-Ride Plan* to the Transportation Committee on January 25, 2010. Staff then released the *Draft Plan* to regional transit stakeholders for review and comment. Approximately 50 comments were received from internal and external stakeholders, including cities, counties, transit providers, and State agencies and incorporated as appropriate. Staff distributed a summary of the Metropolitan Council's responses to the same stakeholders to confirm their comments were addressed appropriately.

Rationale

Adoption of the final *2030 Park-and-Ride Plan* will provide guidance to coordinate park-and-ride facility planning at the regional level. The *Plan* will be utilized by the Metropolitan Council, regional transit providers, cities, counties, and state agencies for locating, prioritizing, and implementing new and expanded facilities.

Funding

None required.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition. All stakeholders have responded positively.