

**T** Transportation Committee  
Metropolitan Council meeting of August 24, 2011

Item: 2011-210

CONSENT

**Date**

**Prepared:** August 9, 2011

**Subject:** Maple Plain Park and Ride - Interagency Agreement with the City of Maple Plain

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an interagency agreement with the City of Maple Plain for the design, construction and operation of a park and ride near US Highway 12 and County Road 29 (Baker Park Road).

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Pat Jones, Metro Transit Assistant Director, Facilities Engineering, introduced the business item. Claudius Toussaint, Metro Transit Project Manager, presented.

Council Member Smith asked if the proposed service to Maple Plain will be an express service. Pat Jones responded in the affirmative that the service to Maple Plain will be an express service.

Mr. Lilligren asked if a community has to be in the Metropolitan Transit Taxing District in order to receive Regional Transit Capital funds. Brian Lamb affirmed Mr. Lilligren's statement and explained that a portion of property tax revenues levied on Metropolitan Transit Taxing District communities is used to repay Regional Transit Capital bonds.

Council Member Brimeyer asked for the projected ridership for the Maple Plain Park and Ride. Claudius Toussaint responded that the existing demand is 91 rides, the 2016 projection is 128 rides, and the 2020 projection is 147 rides.

A motion by Council Member Smith was seconded by Council Member Schreiber and passed unanimously. After hearing all of the Business Items, the committee approved placing this item on the Consent Agenda for the August 24th Council Meeting.

**T** Transportation Committee  
**Meeting date: August 08, 2011**  
**Metropolitan Council Meeting: August 24, 2011**

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** August 2, 2011  
**Subject:** Maple Plain Park and Ride - Interagency Agreement with the City of Maple Plain  
**District(s), Member(s):** District 1, Roxanne Smith  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** N/A  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510  
Pat Jones, Asst. Director Facilities Engineering, 612-349-7606  
Claudius Toussaint, Project Manager, 612-349-7770  
**Division/Department:** Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

**Proposed Action**

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**Background**

In 2009, the City of Maple Plain joined the Metropolitan Transit Taxing District. The City now seeks to partner with Metro Transit to bring additional commuter bus service to Maple Plain and surrounding communities. A high number of commuters from this underserved area of western Hennepin County currently travel long distances to access transit services.

The proposed 150-200 space facility is located in a redevelopment area on a city owned site. Initially, the new facility will operate as a park and pool. New bus transit service to this community is expected in 2015.

An interagency agreement is required between City and the Council to define roles in the design and construction, as well as ownership, maintenance, and continuing obligations during the operations of the park and ride facility.

**Rationale**

The Maple Plain Park and Ride project will encourage shared ride travel along Trunk Highway 12 by constructing a facility which: provides a convenient location for transit, provides an additional commuting choice (Park and Pool), and is planned for regular route transit service in the future.

The project will advance the region's transit ridership goals, reduce roadway congestion, and improve air quality by reducing vehicle emissions.

**Funding**

The Council's contribution will be \$140,000 of Regional Transit Capital funding for

design, construction and project management. Chapter 152 funds in the amount of \$691,600 were secured for fiscal year 2011/2012 to cover the majority of construction costs. The City of Maple Plain also purchased the land with a 2009-2010 Hennepin County Land Acquisition Grant in the amount of \$460,000 and identified an additional \$33,000 for project administration.

**Known Support / Opposition**

The City of Maple Plain, Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation all support this project.