



**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

January 11, 2012

**Date Prepared:**

**Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Reimbursement to Minnesota Public Radio for Airborne Noise Mitigation**

**Proposed Action:**

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**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Mark Fuhrmann gave a presentation on the item. In responding to a question as to whether this is the final settlement on airborne noise, Fuhrmann stated that it is and part two of the proposed action is the documentation to memorialize this payment as the final settlement for airborne noise mitigation.

A motion to approve the item was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Munt, and unanimously approved. This item was approved to go to the full Council as consent.



## Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: January 9, 2012**

**Metropolitan Council Meeting: January 25, 2012**

### **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** December 21, 2011  
**Subject:** Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line):  
Reimbursement to Minnesota Public Radio for Airborne Noise Mitigation  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:**  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager 612-349-7510  
Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Mgr, 651-602-1942  
Kathryn O'Brien, Project Manager, Environmental Services,  
651-602-1927  
**Division/Department:** Metro Transit

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#### **Background**

The April 2009 Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and MPR identified the need for improvements to MPR's recording studios MMW and P in order to mitigate for the effects of CCLRT airborne noise. As part of defining required improvements, the parties completed extensive technical analysis, including testing inside MPR's studios and testing of existing Blue Line (Hiawatha Light Rail Transit) vehicles (wayside noise and bells). Agreement on the scope of required work was achieved in the late spring of 2010. Since that time, the parties have been negotiating a reimbursement amount for the identified improvements.

#### **Rationale**

Making improvements to MPR's recording studios MMW and P is part of fulfilling obligations of the Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and MPR and was discussed as mitigation in the CCLRT Project's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The Metropolitan Council is obligated to fulfill its mitigation commitments as part of the Agreement and the FEIS.

#### **Funding**

Funding is available from the CCLRT Project budget contingency.

#### **Known Support / Opposition**

MPR has agreed to the recommended reimbursement amount.