

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 22, 2013

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**Subject:** Construction of the Highway 610 & Noble Parkway Park and Ride Project 62115

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### **Proposed Action**

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### **Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**

Jim Harwood presented the item. After the presentation, Councilmember Schreiber and Councilmember Reynoso questioned if electric vehicle charging stations would charge fees. General Manager Brian Lamb responded that will be a council policy decision, and is pending. Councilmember Reynoso noted that electric cars do not pay gas taxes.

Councilmember Smith asked what the timeline for project completion would be. Jim Harwood responded that the schedule is to start construction in July 2013 and complete construction in May or June of 2014.

Councilmember Elkins asked what is being done with the site of the existing park and ride. Jim Harwood responded that this land is being deeded back to MnDOT.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schreiber and seconded by Councilmember Smith and passed. This item was approved to go to the full Council as Consent.

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Meeting date: May 13, 2013

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**District(s), Member(s):** District 2, Lona Schreiber

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Expenditure Policy 3-3c, 2, D

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510  
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**Division/Department:** **Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities**

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### Background

Metro Transit currently operates a 511 space park-and-ride facility located at the Highway 610 and Noble Parkway interchange in Brooklyn Park. Customer demand is strong at the facility with utilization rates exceeding 90% since 2006 and a demand of 1,000 spaces is anticipated based on population and employment growth. In 2011 Council acquired a 9.22 acre property at 4401 95th Avenue North in Brooklyn Park for the purpose of constructing a new 1000 space park and ride facility to meet the current and future demand. Design of the facility was completed in 2012.

On May 1, 2013, 5 bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$8,363,040 to \$9,228,841. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$10,146,274. A 15.5% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to the project. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) has reviewed the three lowest responsive bids for DBE participation and good faith efforts and the low, responsive bidder passed the DBE review. The bid compares favorably to the engineer's estimate.

### Rationale

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

### Funding

Funding for this project is authorized and available under project 62115.

### Known Support / Opposition

The City of Brooklyn Park has expressed support for this project. There is no known opposition.