

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 26, 2014

Subject: Interagency Agreement with MNDOT to fund I-35E / C. R. E Park & Ride Construction

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

After the presentation by Metro Transit Project Manager Joe Edwards for both Business Item Nos. 2014-51 and 2014-52, there was a question from Councilmember Brimeyer regarding the specifics of Chapter 152 funding. Mr. Edwards responded that Chapter 152 was a State legislated program that provided funds for construction of projects that would mitigate traffic congestion on Trunk Highways, and that the funds are administered by MnDOT.

The proposed action was moved by Councilmember Schreiber, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, passed unanimously and was moved to the Consent list.

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Meeting date: March 10, 2014

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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

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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. The I-35E / C. R. E Park & Ride is one of the approved park and ride sites with funding for \$1,844,673. MnDOT requires a separate interagency agreement (called "Cooperative Construction Agreement") to fund each park and ride.

The proposed project involves constructing a new 300 vehicle surface park and ride facility at the southwest quadrant of Highway 35E and County Road E in Vadnais Heights, MN. MnDOT has given an award notification to provide Chapter 152 funding for the construction of the park and ride. The interagency agreement must be executed between MnDOT and the Council prior to bidding the project and awarding a construction contract.

Rationale

An Interagency Agreement with MnDOT will ensure Chapter 152 funds will be made available for the timely construction of the park and ride facility. Council Policy requires Interagency Agreements valued at greater than \$1,000,000 be approved by the Council.

Funding

MnDOT Chapter 152 Trunk Highway bond funding of approximately \$1,844,673.00 has been awarded for the construction of Project No. 62117, I-35E / C. R. E Park & Ride. Approval to expend these funds will be included in the First Quarter Budget Amendment. A combination of federal (FTA), local (RTC), and state (Chapter 152) funding, amounting to \$4,344,673 has been/will be used to fund the entire project.

Known Support / Opposition

MnDOT and the City of Vadnais Heights staff support the construction of the park and ride.