

## Metropolitan Council

Meeting date: April 30, 2014

**Subject:** Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Public Hearing on Municipal Consent Plans

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Stat. § 473.3994

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### Proposed Action

That the Council cancels the previously scheduled May 12, 2014 public hearing and hold a joint public hearing on May 29, 2014 with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on the Municipal Consent plans.

### Background

On April 9, 2014 the Council approved a resolution that the Council hold a joint public hearing with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on the Municipal Consent plans on May 12, 2014 or such other dates as selected by the SPO and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

On April 10, 2014 the Council distributed the municipal consent plans to the cities and county and made them available to the general public at local libraries and online.

On April 12 and 14, 2014, the Council published a public hearing notice for a joint public hearing to be held on May 12, 2014.

On April 22, 2014, the Council redistributed section E3 of the municipal consent plans to the cities and county and made them available to the general public at local libraries and online.

Per Minn. Stat. § 473.3994, the Council is required to hold a public hearing no less than 30 days after the plans are made available. Therefore a new public hearing date is needed.

### Rationale

A joint public hearing between the Council and the host Regional Railroad Authority is required by statute as part of the municipal consent process.

### Funding

This action does not directly require a funding commitment from the Council, Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), state or federal funding partners at this time.

### Known Support / Opposition

HCRRA concurs with the date and the Board has taken action to direct staff to reschedule the public hearing to May 29, 2014.