

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 24, 2018

Subject: Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Moline Park and Ride Purchase Agreement with the City of Hopkins

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Purchase Agreement with the City of Hopkins (City) to acquire a level of transit parking, an operator facility, integrated bus shelter, and public bicycle storage within the existing Moline Apartment building at a cost, including closing fees, not to exceed \$3,500,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Ryan Kronzer, SWLRT Assistant Director, presented the item. Elkins commented that this is innovative and he is impressed with the City of Hopkins and would like to see this model emulated. Munt echoed Elkins that this is a model for how she thinks we should do joint development. Rodriguez asked if bike storage was locked? Kronzer answered that yes it is secured, the go to card unlocks the space.

Motion by Elkins, seconded by Munt. Motion carried, **consent to Council.**

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

On August 10, 2016, the Council approved the project scope and budget that included approximately 190 park-and-ride spaces at the Downtown Hopkins Station. On December 14, 2016, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Letter Agreement with the City of Hopkins related to the acquisition of transit parking, an operator facility, integrated bus shelter, and public bicycle storage. On February 7, 2017, the City of Hopkins signed the letter agreement that indicated that the City and Council anticipated executing a Purchase Agreement in early 2018.

On March 4, 2016, the City of Hopkins and Doran LLC entered into a Development Agreement to reimburse the developer for costs associated with the public improvements that were incorporated into the development, named the Moline, including transit parking, an operator facility, integrated bus shelter, and public bicycle storage.

The ongoing operation and maintenance of the transit related facilities are being addressed in a Maintenance, Use and Access Easement that will be recorded on the property.

Construction of the Moline is complete, including the parking garage, operator facilities, integrated bus shelter and public bicycle storage. The City is preparing to close on the property transfer from the developer to the City in mid-January. The City requests that the closing on the transfer from the City to the Council be as soon as possible.

Rationale

By negotiating and executing a purchase agreement now for the transit improvements, these facilities will be available to bus passengers that currently use the park-and-ride and passenger drop-off on the south side of the intersection of Excelsior Boulevard and 8th Street that will be removed for construction of the Downtown Hopkins

Station. Once the Southwest LRT project is complete, these facilities will be available for passengers using the Downtown Hopkins LRT Station. With this purchase, the Council will fulfill its commitment in the Letter Agreement with the City.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Construction of the Green Line Extension will increase the region's prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option for 55,800 forecasted residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents in downtown Minneapolis.

Funding

The project budget includes funding to acquire these public facilities that are in the project scope.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Hopkins previously signed a Development Agreement with Doran LLC and a Letter Agreement with the Council that includes the construction of the transit improvements and transfer of the facilities to the Council.

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Green Line LRT Extension



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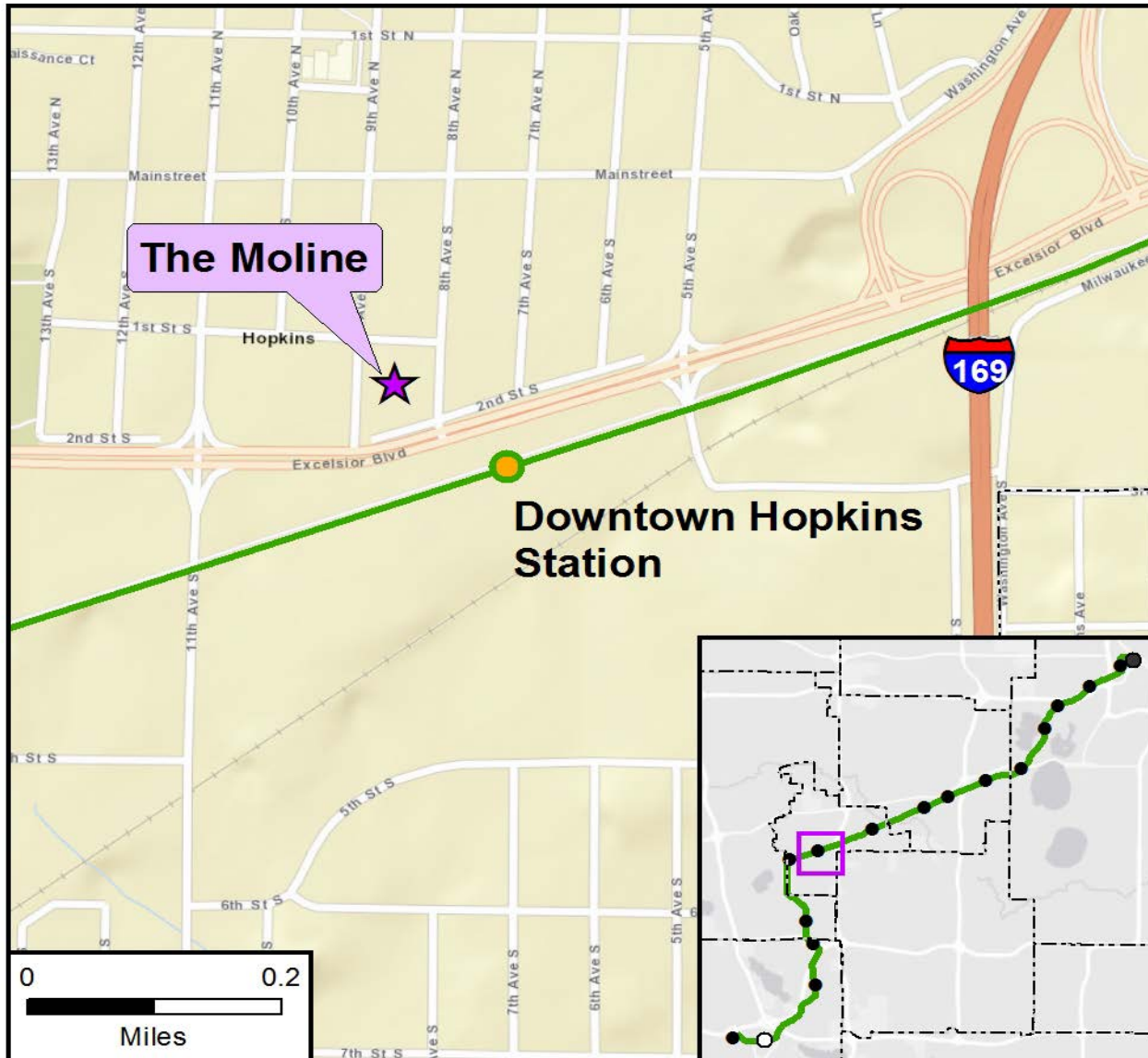


Moline Park and Ride Purchase Agreement

Background

- March 2016 Hopkins and Doran LLC entered into a Development Agreement for the Moline
- Aug. 2016 Council approved SWLRT project scope including 190 park-and-ride spaces at Downtown Hopkins Station
- Dec. 2016 Council authorized Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Letter Agreement with Hopkins
- Feb 2017 City signed letter agreement which anticipated executing Purchase Agreement in 2018
- Construction of Moline is complete and City preparing to close on property transfer

Location Map



The Moline - before



The Moline – Complete



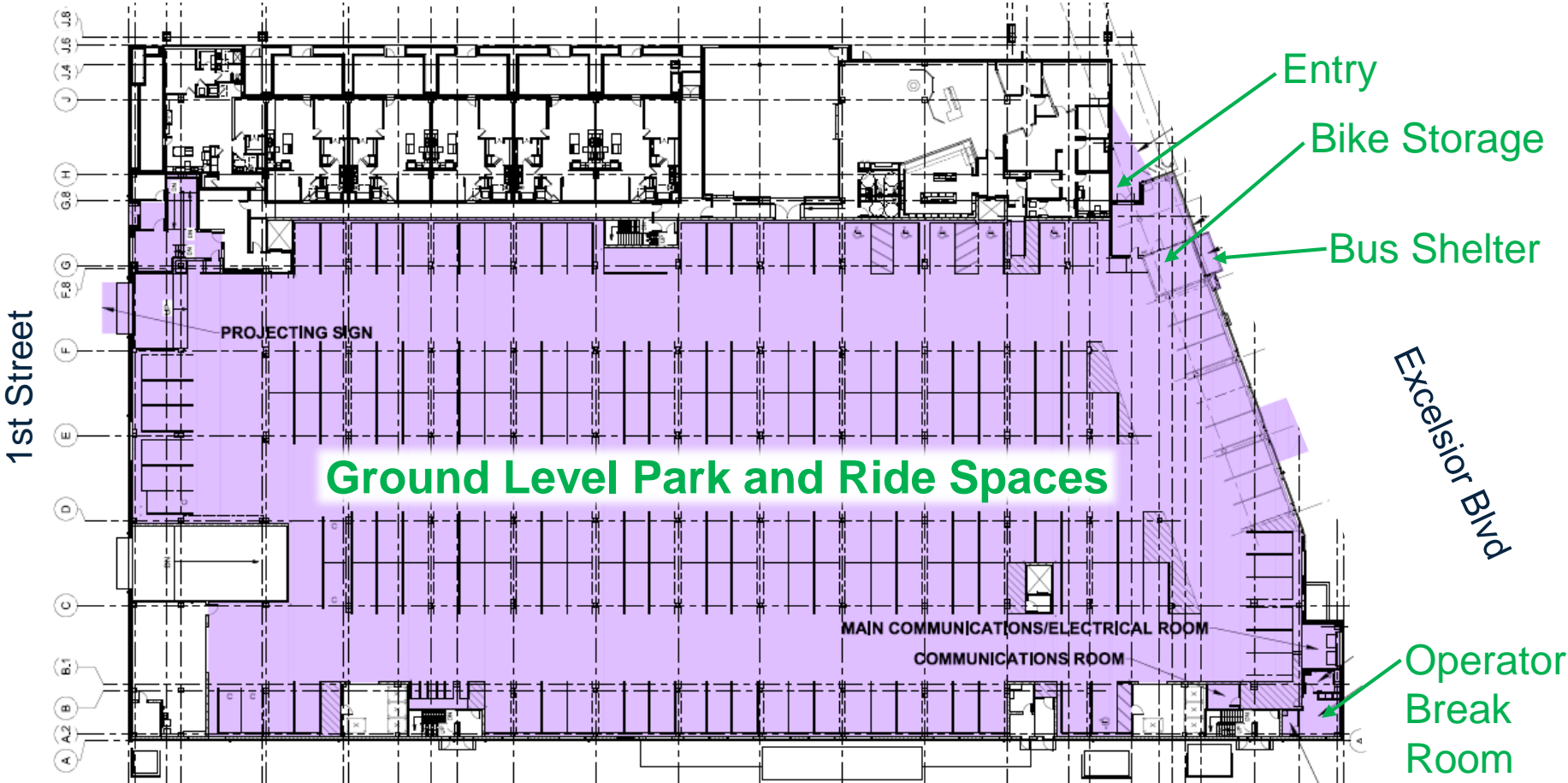
Transit Facilities included in Purchase Agreement

- Enclosed, ground level, park-and-ride spaces for 189 vehicles and 6 motorcycles
- Bus operator facility including restroom
- Integrated bus shelter
- Secured, public bicycle storage
- Maintenance being addressed in Maintenance, Use and Access Easement

Transit Facilities



8th Avenue Artery



Recommendation

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