



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:

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to act to implement terms of the April 2009 Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). Specifically to:

- Make payment to MPR in the amount of \$475,000 to improve MPR's recording studios MMW and P, mitigating them against the impacts of Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) airborne noise;
- Negotiate and execute any required documentation associated with this payment, consistent with the terms of the April 2009 Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and MPR.

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.