

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: July 9, 2012**

**Metropolitan Council Meeting: July 11, 2012**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** June 22, 2012  
**Subject:** Construction Contract for Highway 36 and Rice Street Park-and-Ride  
**District(s), Member(s):** District 11, Sandy Rummel  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.405 subd.4  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612 349-7510  
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Robert Rimstad, Project Manager, 612 349-7768  
**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / Engineering and Facilities Department

### **Proposed Action**

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Rachel Contracting, for construction of the Highway 36 and Rice Street Park-and-Ride in Little Canada for \$2,227,124.00.

### **Background**

In 2010, Metro Transit applied for and received MnDOT Chapter 152 Trunk Highway funds for five park and ride facilities in the metro area to reduce Trunk Highway Congestion. Highway 36 and Rice Street is one of the approved park-and-rides sites. The proposed project involves constructing a new 280 space surface park-and-ride facility at the southeast quadrant of Highway 36 and Rice Street on MnDOT right-of-way.

On June 25, 2012, seven bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$2,227,124.00 to \$2,746,928.82. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$2,302,868.00.

Staff has determined the low bid of \$2,227,124.00, submitted by Rachel Contracting, fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Council.

### **Rationale**

The project will advance the region's transit ridership goals, reduce roadway congestion, and improve air quality by reducing vehicle emissions. The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council Approval.

### **Funding**

MnDOT Chapter 152 Trunk Highway bond funding of \$2,363,296.00 is authorized for the construction of Project #62015, Highway 36 and Rice Street Park-and-Ride. MnDOT Chapter 152 Trunk Highway funds go to projects that help to reduce congestion on Trunk Highways.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

Little Canada, Ramsey County, St. Jude and MnDOT support the construction of the park and ride. MnDOT has approved the low bid price and contractor.