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Meeting date: November 26, 2012

Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 12, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| Date: | November 20, 2012 |
| Subject: | Property Acquisition for the I-35E and County Road 14 Park-and-Ride Facility, Lino Lakes |
| District(s), Member(s): | District 11, Sandy Rummel |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Minnesota Statutes MN Statutes 473.129, 473.405, 117.025 and 117.042 |
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| Division/Department: | Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and purchase a six-acre portion of a property in the northwest quadrant of I-35E and County Road 14 in Lino Lakes from Alino LLC for development as a park-and-ride facility at the appraised value and with up to \$250,000 in settlement costs as authorized in the Council's Policy 3-3 - Expenditures.

Background

Metro Transit proposes to construct a 300-space surface park-and-ride lot in the northwest quadrant of the I-35E and County Road 14 interchange in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. This facility will operate in conjunction with a second park-and-ride being planned at I-35E and County Road E in Vadnais Heights. Metro Transit received a Chapter 152 grant from Minnesota Department of Transportation to construct both park-and-rides in 2014.

The project in Lino Lakes involves purchasing approximately six acres of a larger 26-acre parcel from one owner. The six acres will be developed to contain a 300-space park-and-ride facility. This facility will accommodate projected 2030 demand for park-and-ride users to downtown St. Paul with additional flexibility for service to Minneapolis. The property to be purchased from Alino LLC and a concept plan is shown in **Figure 1**.

Rationale

The proposed location is the best available option for establishing a park-and-ride along I-35E in Lino Lakes. The property owner is a willing seller. The cities of Lino Lakes and Centerville endorse the concept of constructing a park-and-ride in this location.

Funding

Funding for this property acquisition will be available from Regional Transit Capital and Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds available in Project 62013. The

construction of the park-and-ride will be funded via State of Minnesota, Chapter 152 Trunk Highway bonds.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Lino Lakes and the City of Centerville (which borders the site) support the development of a park-and-ride facility at the proposed location.

Figure 1 – Map of Project Area and Concept Plan

