

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 8, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of

Subject: Relocation of Tenant at 677 Transfer Road, St. Paul

District(s), Member(s): 14; Jon Commers

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes Section 117.52, Uniform Relocation Act

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize payments for the relocation of the tenant at 677 Transfer Road, St. Paul, consistent with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policy Act, and Minnesota Statutes Section 117.52.

Background

The Council acquired the property at 677 Transfer Road in January 2013. Attached to that acquisition was an existing lease for the entire building with terms to expire December 31, 2017. Engineering and Facilities hired a relocation consultant and determined that the estimated relocation costs owed to the tenant would be approximately \$525,000. Co-habiting with the tenant was thoroughly examined, but it became mutually apparent that it was not feasible. Staff worked with the tenant to determine the most efficient relocation schedule, both in terms of disruptions to the tenants operations and anticipated cost to the Council.

Rationale

Pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policy Act, and Minnesota Statutes Section 117.52, the Metropolitan Council is required to provide relocation benefits to owners and tenants of purchased properties.

Funding

Funding for the relocation fees will come from Metro Transit 2013 Bus Operations Operating Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.