



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** November 15, 2011

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, and Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Permission To Use Metro Transit Property for Snow Storage Agreement**

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a "Permission to Use Metro Transit Property" Letter Agreement, including a hold harmless agreement, with Metro Transit for the City to use a property owned by Metro Transit west of downtown Minneapolis for snow storage.

**Previous Directives:**

None

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Michael D. Kennedy, P.E., Director, Transportation Maintenance & Repair

**Reviews** NA

**Financial Impact**

No Financial Impact

**Community Impact**

**Neighborhood Notification:** Nothing required at this time

**City Goals:** The City's infrastructure will be maintained as well as enhancing our environment.

**Comprehensive Plan:** Consistent

**Zoning Code:** Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information:**

The City of Minneapolis and Metro Transit both have a need for winter storage of snow removed from areas that each maintains. Metro Transit owns a currently undeveloped site at 817 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street just west of downtown that they will use for overflow snow storage. Public Works has a need for a convenient snow storage site as most of the snow removed from streets comes from downtown under normal circumstances. Public Works has the resources and skills to effectively manage a snow storage site, so there is mutual benefit for parties to collaborate at the site.

The two parties have come to an agreement on the arrangement. There is no financial impact. It does include an agreement that the City will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Metropolitan Council for all losses arising out of use of the property. It is recommended that the Director of Public Works or designee be authorized to enter into a "Permission to Use Metro Transit Property" Agreement, including a hold harmless agreement, between the two parties.

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