



REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

To:	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Agenda Item <u>IV.E.</u>
From:	James Hovland	<input type="checkbox"/> Action
	Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion
Date:	February 21, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Information
Subject:	Resolution No. 2012-34 Supporting the Metropolitan Council's 2012 Request For Bonding	

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt Resolution No. 2012-34 supporting the Metropolitan Council's 2012 Request for Bonding.

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Council is requesting \$25,000,000 in 2012 bonding for the Southwest Light Rail Transit. This rail line will run from Eden Prairie to Minneapolis and be a key element in the future development of our community. We have been asked to adopt the attached resolution showing the support of the City of Edina for the Metropolitan Council's request for bonding in 2012.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No. 2012-34

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In Support of Metropolitan Council's
2012 Bonding Request for Southwest Light Rail Transit

WHEREAS, the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit line from Eden Prairie to Minneapolis will run through our city; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Light Rail Transit line is a key element in our future development as it connects businesses and workers, supports economic growth, improves transit options for residents, and increases housing choices; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Light Rail Transit will contribute to the economic vitality of this region and support the economic competitiveness of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, our city staff, residents and business community have been and continue to be supportive of and closely involved in the planning for this project, as indicated by the previous adoption of a city council resolution in support of Southwest Light Rail Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota supports and the Metropolitan Council has requested \$25,000,000 in 2012 bonding for Southwest Light Rail Transit; and

WHEREAS, approving this bonding request is crucial to keeping the Southwest Light Rail Transit project on schedule as it moves through Preliminary Engineering and seeks final federal approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the City of Edina strongly urge all Hennepin County state legislators to support the Metropolitan Council's bonding request for Southwest Light Rail Transit and to work to make sure that the State of Minnesota continues to provide resources for this crucial regional infrastructure.

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2012.

Attest: _____
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS
CITY OF EDINA)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of February 21, 2012, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this _____ day of _____, 2012 .

City Clerk