



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

**Date:** July 15, 2008

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

**Subject:** **Fiber Optic Communication Lease Agreement with Minneapolis Venture, LLC**

**Recommendation:**

- a. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Minneapolis Venture LLC for lease of two (2) strands of dark fiber optic communication cable between Gateway Parking Ramp and Centre Village Parking Ramp; and (2) strands of dark fiber optic communication cable between Downtown East Parking Ramp and Centre Village from existing City infrastructure at the rate of \$1000 per month.
- b. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Minneapolis Venture, LLC to secure an easement in the Centre Village Skyway to expand the City fiber network through that facility.

**Previous Directives:**

None

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**Approved by:**

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Steven A. Kotke, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Tim Drew

**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	N/A	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	N/A	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	N/A	Date

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): Agreement generates \$1000 per month for the Parking Fund
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact:**

Neighborhood Notification: None

City Goals: To ensure a Healthy, vital and safe city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information:**

Public Work's policy is to install fiber optic cabling between all of its Parking Facilities whenever possible to be utilized for its communication purposes. After the sale of the Centre Village, Gateway and Downtown East Parking Ramps to Minneapolis Venture LLC, the City is in the unique position of now having newly available unused (dark) fiber optic cabling between these facilities. The new owner (Minneapolis Venture LLC) is interested in leasing a portion of this fiber to aid in their communication needs. At this time, the fiber optic cabling is unused by the City and the agreement allows the City to lease some fiber strands to Venture while retaining ample fiber for future usage if needed.

The preliminary lease term for use of the fiber is proposed at \$1000.00 per month rent, for an initial 5-year period. The revenue will be applied to the Parking Fund.

The Centre Village Skyway easement allows Parking Services to make further use of the in-place fiber that runs through the facility which was previously used to service the connection between the Government Center Municipal Ramp and the Centre Village Ramp. The easement will allow the City to expand its communication capacities to the 701 building tenants and to facilitate future connections to buildings in that locale.

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