



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

Date: November 27, 2007
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Cricket Communications equipment on the Orchestra Hall Municipal Parking Ramp**

Recommendation:

That proper City officials be authorized to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Cricket Communications for the placement of communications antennae and associated equipment on the City owned 11th and Marquette (formerly Orchestra Hall) Municipal Parking Ramp.

Previous Directives:

- The City Council has approved leases of City Property to wireless carriers on six sites: four parking ramps (10/26/01, 8/5/05, and an action for two ramps on 11/8/96), one water tower (10/25/96), and one open space site (1/14/94).

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>

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
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: The authority to enter into these leases will provide revenue and maintain the City as a place with access to wireless systems.

Connected Communities: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Cricket will be required to meet all permitting requirements.

Background/Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis has six sites leased to antennae companies. These leases provide long term reliable revenue streams to the City with little known risk or cost.

Public Works is requesting authority to lease an unused portion of the Orchestra Hall Municipal Parking Ramp to Cricket Communications. As with prior leases Public Works will charge competitive market rates for the lease. Public Works will also require that Cricket pay all permitting, installation, repair, and maintenance costs associated with their equipment.

In addition to the foregoing, lease language will require that the duty of complying with Heritage Preservation requirements, if any, will lie with Cricket Communications.

Revenue received from these leases will be deposited with the parking fund.