

**By Colvin Roy**

**Recommending the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) give full consideration to Downtown Golf partners, LLC's application to MnDOT to obtain an air rights lease for its indoor golf facility project, formerly called St. Andrew's Golf Academy (SAGA, now called "Downtown Golf", atop the 7th Street Third Avenue Distributor (TAD) Garage.**

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis considered a proposal for development of an indoor golf facility in downtown Minneapolis from St. Andrew's Golf Academy in 1999 (now called "Downtown Golf"); and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis passed and approved Resolution 99R-269 on July 30, 1999, authorizing the proper City officers to proceed with project feasibility and finding that such indoor golf project is supported for location atop the 7th Street Third Avenue Distributor (TAD) Garage; and

Whereas, the project as preliminarily proposed in 1999 was found to be feasible but MnDOT was not prepared to proceed at that time due to lack of a department policy regarding air rights development; and

Whereas, MnDOT has recently established an air rights development policy (A Guide to MnDOT National Highway System Airspace Lease Policy and Procedures of July 24, 2006) (Policy); and

Whereas, Downtown Golf Partners, LLC now desires to submit its air rights development proposal to MnDOT under its recently established Policy;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Downtown Golf initiative for development of a complete indoor golf facility atop the 7th Street TAD Garage in downtown Minneapolis would be a welcome addition to the mix of downtown Minneapolis entertainment amenities available to residents, visitors, and workers.

Be It Further Resolved that the Downtown Golf Project would be consistent with the goal of marketing downtown as a place to live, work, play and do business through the strengthening of downtown retail and leisure sectors (including entertainment, recreational, and cultural uses).

Be It Further Resolved that the Downtown Golf Project atop the 7th Street TAD Garage is immediately adjacent to the Entertainment District as designated in the

Minneapolis Downtown 2010 Plan and that the Downtown Golf Project would further Entertainment Policy #4 of said Plan, which is to broaden downtown's entertainment options.

Be It Further Resolved that, for the public purposes stated above, the City of Minneapolis recommends that MnDOT give full consideration to Downtown Golf Partners, LLC's application to MnDOT to obtain an air rights lease above the 7th Street TAD Garage for private development, specifically the Downtown Golf Project.