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City Announces Its First Transit Oriented Development Manager

March 11, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) –The City of Minneapolis announces David Frank as its first Transit Oriented Development Manager. Frank will lead the City’s efforts to implement development activities around light rail stops and bus lines, capturing market opportunities along the city’s transit corridors. The resulting development will provide well-designed, dense, mixed-use opportunities in key locations around the city.

“Minneapolis grew up as a streetcar city, with housing over stores along transit lines — and 60 years ago, 125,000 more people lived in our city than live here today,” said **Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak**. “We want to grow, and the most promising sites for growth are along our expanding transit corridors. When we offer people more transit options, we will attract more residents and more workers — and when we do that, our tax base will grow and the tax burden will be spread more widely. David has gotten results in the private sector in growing housing, businesses and jobs along transit lines. It’s just the just the kind of experience we need, and we’re glad that he’s joining the City,” he added.

“David’s expertise will enable planning, housing and economic development efforts in our city to be better focused,” said **Lisa Goodman**, Council Member and Chair, Community Development Committee. “I am delighted to have him join the team of leadership that shapes the City.”

Frank was the Director of Development at Schafer Richardson, a Minneapolis real estate company. Prior to joining Schafer Richardson, Frank worked for six years at the redevelopment agency in Portland, Oregon, where he negotiated public/private agreements for redevelopment and affordable housing and provided public financing for mixed-use projects within the central city. Frank is a steering

committee member of 2020 Partners, a public/private effort to coordinate development and infrastructure improvements around the new Minnesota Twins stadium and the adjacent Transportation Interchange.

“When effectively coordinated, investments in transit, housing and economic development help make good cities great.” said **Brian Lamb**, General Manager, Metro Transit.

Hennepin County Commissioner **Peter McLaughlin** added that “Frank’s position will allow the City and County to partner more fully to capture development opportunities along our transit corridors.”

Frank and his family live in the North Loop in downtown Minneapolis, where he is the president of the North Loop Neighborhood Association. Frank grew up in New York City and graduated from Amherst College with a degree in English.

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