

# Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium Implementation Committee Action

## DRAFT

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below is a summary of the recommended action:

### 1. Building Design

General: Recommend approving the Building Design with the following suggested modifications/improvements:

- Recommend that the fencing around the on-site parking area be made out of decorative metal and be ornamental in design.
- Recommend that if any other commercial uses are included in the building that they be designed with exterior access so they can be used on non-Vikings game days.
- Delegate to the City of Minneapolis and other applicable regulatory authorities final review and approval of the following: curb cut locations; detailed signage plan for the exterior building and site; fire and life safety review and the lighting plan.
- Recommend that skyways have appropriate connections to the public streets which are visible and easily accessible from the public sidewalks; that the design and operation of skyways be consistent with the *Minneapolis Skyway System Standards and Procedures Manual*, which was approved by the Downtown Council's Skyway Advisory Committee in 2006; and that design considerations for skyways include height in relation to the street and transparency.

### 2. The Place

General: Recommend approving the Site Design and Plaza Design with the following suggested modifications/improvements:

#### Site Design

- Recommend that improvements be incorporated into the design to safely accommodate and control significant crowds of pedestrians crossing thorough the 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue intersection and to safely accommodate the

number of people entering and exiting the stadium on game days as well as those using the site throughout the year from 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Recommend that all skyways be designed to be as transparent as possible.
- Recommend that any proposed structure on the east side of Chicago Avenue, north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street reasonably adhere to the setbacks as outlined in the *Update to the Historic Mills District Master Plan*.
- Recommend that the public sidewalk on 4<sup>th</sup> Street connect to the on-site walkway which will lead pedestrians to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Recommend that if an exterior walkway to the loading dock is needed for stadium maintenance purposes, that it be designed so the general public knows that the sidewalk ends at a private walkway.
- Delegate to the City of Minneapolis and other applicable regulatory authorities final review and approval of the following: public sidewalks, site grades, location and configuration of stairways and walkway widths and alignments.
- Recommend that an adequate design of the Downtown East Light Rail Transit Station area be coordinated with City of Minneapolis staff and Metro Transit staff.

### **Plaza Design**

- Recommend that an adequate plaza design that incorporates lighting, seating, trash receptacles, etc. be coordinated with City of Minneapolis staff.
- A public art process should occur as early in the design as possible in order to integrate public art into the building and site design. If public dollars are used for public art, the selection process should include an open call for artists.
- Encourage the use of pervious paving on the site and plaza.

## **3. Sustainability**

General: Recommend approving the Sustainability of the Design, Construction and Operations with the following suggested modifications/improvements:

### **Design and Construction**

- Recommend that the stadium design team continue to work with the City of Minneapolis staff to share the results of the energy modeling to understand long-term costs; to share the results of the energy modeling and compliance work; and

to understand how the Minneapolis Department of Health guidelines will be incorporated into the stadium.

- Acknowledge that the stadium design team is pursuing LEED for New Construction certification at the “Certified” level.

### **Operations**

- The MSFA should continue discussions with City of Minneapolis staff related to LEED Operations & Maintenance and pursue LEED Operations & Maintenance certification when it becomes possible; and the implementation of a successful recycling and organics programs.

### **4. Neighborhood**

- Approve the conceptual roadway changes to 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Park Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, including the west-bound automobile lane and off-street bicycle path as shown in Exhibit E.

### **5. Transportation System**

- Recommend that the exterior design of all new parking garages ensure that sloped floors do not dominate the appearance of the walls and that vehicles are screened from view.
- Recommend that the ground floor of all new parking garages have commercial, residential, office, or hotel uses located between the parking garage and any public sidewalk except where frontage is needed to provide vehicular and pedestrian access to the facility.
- Recommend that the parking garages meet the following building design standards: provide architectural detail in order to create visual interest; in larger buildings, architectural elements, including recesses or projections, windows and entries, shall be emphasized to divide the building into smaller identifiable sections; blank, uninterrupted walls that do not include windows, entries, recesses or projections, or other architectural elements, shall not exceed 25 feet in length; exterior materials shall be durable, including but not limited to masonry, brick, stone, stucco, wood, metal, and glass; the exterior materials and appearance of the rear and side walls of any building shall be similar to and compatible with the front of the building; and the use of plain face concrete block as an exterior material shall be prohibited where fronting along a public street, public sidewalk, or public pathway.
- Delegate final review and approval of a traffic management plan to the City of Minneapolis Director of Public Works and where applicable, the Hennepin County Engineer and Mn/DOT.

## **6. Region**

- Recommend that the MSFA continue to work with the City of Minneapolis Civil Rights Department to realize the Equity Plan.

## **7. Other**

- Delegate final review and approval of public infrastructure and related improvements, including, but not limited to, public utility relocations and directional/way finding signage to the City of Minneapolis Public Works Director, and when applicable the Hennepin County Engineer and Mn/DOT.
- Delegate review and approval of public utilities and appropriate easements to the City of Minneapolis Public Works Director, Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, and when applicable, the Hennepin County Engineer and Mn/DOT.
- Delegate review and approval of storm water drainage to the City of Minneapolis Public Works Director, Hennepin County Engineer, Mn/DOT, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and other organizations as it relates to ownership and permitting requirements.
- Environmental remediation shall meet all applicable requirements of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the City of Minneapolis.
- Recommend that the stadium design team continue to work with City of Minneapolis staff to obtain required permits for the construction of the Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium. The City will facilitate the project through a modified Preliminary Development Review process.
- Recommend that the stadium design team, the MSFA and/or the Minnesota Vikings obtain all required City right-of-way encroachment permits.

## **8. Plan Changes After Stadium Implementation Committee Action**

Changes to the stadium development that are proposed following the issuance of the recommendations of the Stadium Implementation Committee and consideration by the Minneapolis City Planning Commission and City Council shall be forwarded to the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Director and Public Works Director. The Directors shall meet and mutually agree that:

- 1) The change does not materially impact the project design plans as recommended by the Stadium Implementation Committee, or

2) The change does materially impact the project design plans and request that the MSFA take appropriate action to ensure that the change conforms with the project design plans approved by the Stadium Implementation Committee, or

3) The change materially impacts the project design plans and requires review by the Stadium Implementation Committee, in which case the Chairs shall reconvene the Committee for the limited purpose of reviewing the specific change(s) and recommending appropriate action to the MSFA.