
Sponsor: Emergency Communications

Meeting Date: 11/18/2025

Title: License and Lease Amendment with the State of Minnesota
Department of Transportation For The Use of the Arden Hills
Communication Facility

File Number: 2025-467

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County Emergency Communications lease space from the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for an equipment shelter located at the Arden Hills communication facility. The license and lease for the use of this space is expiring and Emergency Communications needs board approval to extend the agreement.

The Commissioner of Transportation is empowered by [Minn. Stat. §174.70, subd. 2](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/174.70) [\(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/174.70>](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/174.70)), to enter into agreements to permit non-state owned communications equipment on MnDOT owned communications towers, land, buildings, or other structures that are under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Transportation. Arden Hills falls into this category and the Commissioner of Transportation has renewed the license and lease for an additional term of ten years with an automatic renewal for an additional ten years at no cost to the county.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the amendment to the agreement for a license and lease extension with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the use the communication tower located at 1929 Lake Valentine Road in the City of Arden Hills, for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2035, with the option to renew for one additional 10-year period.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments that do not have a financial impact.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: - 1: Moran

By: _____



Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board