

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: February 13, 2023

For the Committee of the Whole: March 1, 2023

Business Item: 2023-34

METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit – Subordinate Funding Agreement (19I054D) with Washington County

Proposed Action

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was on the consent list.

Motion by Fredson, seconded by Sterner to approve the consent item. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 12, District 11 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy RF 1-7 – Transitway Advancement Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Lesley Kandaras, Interim General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Alicia Vap, Gold Line Project Director, 612-349-7079 Mike Ullmer, Agreements Specialist, 651-602-1957
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / METRO Gold Line Project Office

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That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #19I054D (the “SFA”) with Washington County (“the County”) regarding reconstruction of the 4th St. Bridge (the “Bridge”) over Interstate 694 in the City of Oakdale that will be replaced by the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Gold Line Project”) in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00.

Background

In 2020, the Council and the County entered into Master Funding Agreement #19I054 to establish a framework for interagency funding transfers for the Gold Line Project

This SFA would authorize transfer of up to \$3,500,000 from the County to the Council to be used for reconstruction of the Bridge that will be replaced by the Gold Line Project. Washington County will be receiving these funds through a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant administered by Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). As the Bridge is being constructed by the Gold Line Project, this funding needs to be transferred to the Council.

Rationale

Council Policy requires Intergovernmental Agreements greater than \$500,000.00 be approved by the Council.

County and Council staff identified an SFA to be the appropriate mechanism to transfer this funding between the parties.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options will advance the Thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The Gold Line Project advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

Funding

No impacts to the Gold Line Project budget. All funding under this agreement will be provided by the County.

Small Business Inclusion

The Bridge reconstruction being funded by this SFA is incorporated into the Gold Line Project Civil Construction Contract and therefore part of the prime contractor's DBE commitment. The DBE goal on the Civil Construction Contract is 17%.

