Today’s Discussion

Agenda

• Overview of grant opportunity
• Proposed work and alignment with regional planning efforts
• Seek Council authorization to apply for the grant
TCP-R Grant Opportunity

Program Overview

- DOT Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program (TCP-R) will select 4-5 applicants to receive $1-2 million over 3 years.
- Applicants will identify communities within their jurisdiction to receive technical assistance and capacity building support.
- TCP-R Capacity Builders will play a technical assistance coordination and capacity building role for their selected communities.
TCP-R Grant Opportunity

Program Objectives

• Created to support the advancement of transformational transportation opportunities in disadvantaged communities

• Intends to advance project forward into the next phase of development, deepen community engagement, and align with local or regional zoning, land use, economic development, or other plans and investments
TCP-R Proposed Concept

Blue Line Extension Anti-displacement

Through 2024-2026, this opportunity will:

• Continue to advance the Blue Line Extension anti-displacement recommendations with local communities
• Build community and nonprofit capacity to continue participating in anti-displacement efforts and the transit project’s continued planning
• Align work with intersecting planning milestones of the Blue Line Extension project
# TCP-R Scope of Work

## Technical Assistance
- Implementation of the anti-displacement recommendations
- Continue public participation
- Identify further funding opportunities

## Planning & Capacity Building
- Incorporate anti-displacement strategies in project planning milestones
- Advance corridor studies, pre-development activities, & placemaking
- Support community organization’s capacity

## Peer Learning Opportunities
- Local convenings for information exchange, knowledge creation, and networking
- Learning trips with other TCP-R funded communities
TCP-R Application Timeline

Next Steps

Continued coordination on the application with:

- Hennepin County & Blue Line Extension project office
- Council TOD Office
- Cities of Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park
- Anti-displacement community partners

Complete application due November 28, 2023

- Community partner commitments
- Project narrative, staffing plan, and budget
Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to develop and submit a grant application and supporting documents as the lead agency for the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program grant.
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