

# Thriving Communities Program Application to DOT

Community Development Committee

Business Item 2023-270 SW



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# 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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