

**Management Committee**

Meeting date: December 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 12, 2018

**Subject:** Bind Coverage for SWLRT Railroad Protective Liability Insurance

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:**

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**Division/Department:** Regional Administration/Risk Management

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes to bind coverage of Railroad Protective Liability insurance related to the Southwest Light Rail construction project, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

**Background**

A Railroad Protective Liability insurance policy provides coverage for liability of a railroad that may arise out of construction activities. It is generally a contractual requirement of the railroad who is granting access to its property for another party’s construction activities. The Council’s railroad agreements related to Southwest Light Rail construction require this coverage. At the time of the mailing, staff and Council’s insurance broker continue to negotiate with insurance underwriters and will provide the details of the recommended program at Committee meeting.

**Rationale**

This insurance is a contractual requirement of both BNSF and TCW railways. The insurance program will meet these requirements.

**Thrive Lens Analysis**

Construction of the Green Line Extension will increase the region’s prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option for 55,000 forecasted residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents downtown Minneapolis.

**Funding**

Funds for the premium are included in the project budget.

**Known Support / Opposition**

Not applicable

