

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 16, 2013

Subject: CTIB 2013 Project Grant Applications Consistency with the 2030 TPP

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda. Motion by Munt, seconded by Elkins and passed.

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Meeting date: September 23, 2013

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: M.S. 297A.992; Regional Transportation Policy Plan

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

The 2008 state legislation which authorized the quarter cent sales tax for transitways capital and operating purposes specified that a grant award for a transit project located within the metropolitan area may be funded only after the Metropolitan Council reviews the project for consistency with the transit portion of the Transportation Policy Plan.

For the 2013 grant process, seven project grant applications were submitted to the CTIB to receive funding during CY 2014. Washington County, which receives a guaranteed amount of 3% of the sales tax revenues, did not submit a project application for 2013 and asked that the earned amount be deferred for programming at a later date. The attached table lists the project name, grant applicant, funding requested, provides a short description of the project and a recommendation regarding the project's consistency with the 2030 TPP. It is recommended that all of the submitted applications be found consistent with the plan.

Rationale

Under state law, the projects cannot be funded until a determination has been made by the Council regarding the project's consistency with the transit portion of the Council's Transportation Policy Plan. The consistency finding will allow the CTIB to award grants to the project applicants for CY 2014.

Funding

None required.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.