

## Transportation Committee

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For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 13, 2013

**Subject:** Authorization to Execute Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Master Operations Funding Agreement for Transitway Service

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### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Operations Funding Agreement with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for Transitway Service. This agreement will be for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017.

### **Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**

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Ed Petrie presented. No questions. Motion by Elkins, seconded by Schreiber. Motion passed. CONSENT to Council.

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Meeting date: October 28, 2013

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**Subject:** Authorization to Execute Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Master Operations Funding Agreement for Transitway Service

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Operating Program and Budget

**Staff Prepared/Presented:**

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit & Metropolitan Transportation Services

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Operations Funding Agreement with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for Transitway Service. This agreement will be for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017.

### Background

The Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Master Operations Funding Agreement for Transitway Service is an agreement entered into between the Counties Transit Improvement Board and the Metropolitan Council under the authority of Minnesota Statute 297A.992. The original Master Operations Funding Agreement was for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012, and was extended to December 31, 2013. This agreement establishes a uniform approach for any Grant Award by the Counties Transit Improvement Board to the Metropolitan Council for Transitway Service. Annually, the parties enter into Annual Operating Grant Agreements for specific Transitway Service and intend that the terms of the Master Operations Funding Agreement apply to each Annual Operating Grant Agreement.

### Rationale

A Master Funding Agreement will establish a financial framework between the Metropolitan Council and the Counties Transit Improvement Board. The Master Operations Funding Agreement for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017 will allow the Council to apply the terms of this agreement in its Annual Operating Grant Agreements.

### Funding

This agreement establishes a uniform approach for any Grant Award by the Counties Transit Improvement Board to the Metropolitan Council for Annual Transitway Service. The Annual Operating Grant Agreements for specific Transitway Service are the mechanism for transfer of funding for Transitway Service.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action. This action is supported by the Counties Transit Improvement Board.