

Committee Report

Business Item No. 2014-299 SW

Consent

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

Subject: UPWP Resolution Regarding 2015 Carryover Funds

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution for the 2015 UPWP contracted funds.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda at the Transportation Committee.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Rodriguez and passed.

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 8, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

Subject: UPWP Resolution Regarding 2015 Carryover Funds
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: MAP-21
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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution for the 2015 UPWP contracted funds.

Background

The UPWP is a program required by federal law through which Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) receive federal funds to conduct transportation and land use planning activities. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in consultation with the state’s seven metropolitan planning organizations, has developed a formula for the annual distribution of federal transportation planning funds to each of the MPO’s. The formula was approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. All federal funds require a 20 percent local match.

Typically the Council does not spend all of its allocation annually but saves up funds for periodic large studies such as the Travel Behavior Inventory. The UPWP approved by the Metropolitan Council at its September 24 meeting has an overall budget of \$5,034,548 programmed for work in 2015; there is an additional \$800,000 allocated to the Council by MnDOT that remains unprogrammed in anticipation that it will be needed in future years. MnDOT has adopted a new statewide MPO carryover policy regarding unprogrammed dollars to be carried forward for work in a future year. The attached resolution was requested by MnDOT to allow the Council to carry forward this \$800,000, rather than have the money revert back to the statewide fund under the new policy.

This action does not change any of the content in the 2015 UPWP as adopted, and therefore it was not necessary to go through the TAC/TAB process prior to Council action.

Rationale

The main purpose of the UPWP is to serve as an application to the US DOT for federal transportation planning funds and to ensure coordination of planning activities among the various agencies involved in the transportation planning process. The purpose of this resolution is to reiterate our compliance.

Funding

This resolution carries no associated funding change.



Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-34

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LOCAL MATCH FOR CARRYOVER FUNDS

WHEREAS, the 2015 transportation planning work program identifies \$800,000 in carryover funds to be used on activities recommended by a 2015 data collection assessment study; and

WHEREAS, future transportation work programs will identify the specific activity(ies) and year(s) in which the carryover funds will be used; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Metropolitan Council agrees to commit the necessary local share to match the \$800,000 carryover funds once a project(s) is identified in a future transportation planning work program;

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Susan Haigh, Chair

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary