

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 12, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 14, 2015

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) – Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 2 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the City of St. Louis Park for a Locally Requested Capital Investment: Beltline Boulevard Underpass

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute SFA No. 2 to the MFA with the City of St. Louis Park (City) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project (Project) in an amount funded by the City not to exceed \$1,156,000.

Background

On December 10, 2014, the Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an MFA with the City which will serve as the framework for transferring funds between the parties for reimbursement of professional and construction services for the Project. The SFA is the work order agreement between the parties that define funding authorizations, scope of services, and activity periods.

Upon executing the MFA, the parties will enter into SFA No. 2 to transfer City funds to the Council for the development of design plans and a construction cost estimate for a roadway underpass of Beltline Boulevard (Underpass) near the proposed Beltline Station. The Underpass is identified as a Locally Requested Capital Investment and is not a part of the SWLRT Project scope or budget. The Underpass would be constructed by the Project's contractor and funded by the City.

The Council is developing additional SFAs with the City for other Locally Requested Capital Investments that do not exceed the \$500,000 threshold for Council approval. Subsequent SFAs will also be required with the City to complete required federal, state, and local environmental documentation prior to completing the environmental process, as well as potential property rights, insurance/risk matters, and construction.

Rationale

The City desires to locally fund the design for the proposed Underpass in hopes to improve local vehicle circulation and access adjacent to the Beltline Station and nearby businesses.

Funding

The City will fully reimburse the Council for costs to design and provide a construction cost estimate.

Known Support / Opposition

The Council and City are both committed to working together to deliver the proposed SWLRT Project and associated Locally Requested Capital Investments as funded by the city.