

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 14, 2015

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Katie White presented this item and answered a question in broad terms from Letofsky about how the survey is performed. Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Jonathan Ehrlich is the Project Manager of the project and could elaborate further, if desired. Dorfman asked for talking points about the importance of the project in order to be able to answer questions that may be raised by constituents. Arlene McCarthy said that she will have Jonathan Ehrlich prepare this.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Dorfman and carried.

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 12, 2015

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MAP-21

Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS, 651-602-1754

Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning, 651-602-1058

Connie Kozlak, Mgr. Systems Planning, 651-602-1720

Katie White, Senior Planner MTS, 651-602-1716

Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

The Transit On Board Survey is conducted every five years as part of the transportation planning process. The Survey will contribute valuable information to the region’s Travel Demand Model, including providing information to the federally required before and after studies for the Green Line Extension and Blue Line Extension projects.

In May 2015 the Transportation Advisory Board approved \$800,000 in federal funding through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) for this project, and the Metropolitan Council has committed \$200,000 as local match. The RFP for this project has been released and work is expected to begin in January 2016.

MnDOT is the distributor of STP federal funds and requires that the Metropolitan Council take official action through the attached Resolution in order to receive and expend these funds.

This action is requested to go to the Council the same week. Metropolitan Transportation Services and Procurement identified a cooperative schedule to execute this agreement with MnDOT. Doing so will assist staff with the Request for Proposals process and obtaining MnDOT approvals, including their Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) review procedures.

Rationale

The Transit On Board Survey will provide data for use by local partners in developing transportation planning projects.



Funding

Funding is available through the STP program for a total of \$800,000 and a local match from the Metropolitan Council of \$200,000.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FEDERAL AID PARTICIPATION FOR THE TRANSIT ON BOARD SURVEY

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board awards federal transportation dollars through the Regional Solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board has awarded federal transportation dollars to the Metropolitan Council for the completion of a Transit On Board Survey; and

WHEREAS, the Transit On Board Survey has been determined to be eligible for the expenditure of federal aid funds and is programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2016; and the project is identified in MnDOT records as State Project 090-595-014, and in Federal Highway Administration records as Minnesota Project STPM 8816(058); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council must enter into agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation to access these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT pursuant to Minnesota State. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the Metropolitan Council to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.
2. THAT the Chair and the Regional Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Metropolitan Council to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1001373," a copy of which said agreement was before the Metropolitan Council and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Adam Duininck, Chair

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution presented to and adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Services division of the Metropolitan Council at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2015, as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Notary Public
My Commission Expires _____