

## **Transportation Committee**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 22, 2015

**Subject:** Blue Line Extension LRT Project – Master Funding Agreement with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) for the proposed Blue Line Extension LRT Project (BLRT).

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

MarySue Abel presented this item. Council Member Munt asked if there will be a comparable agreement with Three Rivers Park Board. Abel responded that this is the only agreement at this time; we are working closely with Three Rivers, Three Rivers has not asked for funding or an agreement for their portion of work.

Motion by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky and passed.

**Consent to Council.**

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Meeting date: April 13, 2015

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Blue Line Extension Project Office

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That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) for the proposed Blue Line Extension LRT Project (BLRT).

### Background

The MFA will serve as a framework for the possible transfer of funds between the Council and the MPRB for reimbursement of staff time and other professional services required as part of coordination activities during the project development phase of the BLRT project. The MFA will identify required federal, state, and local clauses, provisions, and accounting procedures that govern any possible transfer of funds. In the event that funds are transferred under the terms of the MFA, a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) will be developed as a work order agreement specifically defining work scope and schedule, funding authorizations, and activity periods for MPRB coordination with the BLRT project.

The Council authorized execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with MPRB at its March 11, 2015 meeting. The MOU sets forth the cooperative working relationship between the Council and MPRB for both the Green Line Extension and Blue Line Extension.

### Rationale

The MFA establishes the financial framework for funding transfers and the ability to execute SFAs between the Council and the MPRB for coordination activities as part of BLRT project development.

### Funding

Master Funding Agreements do not require funding. Subsequent SFAs will be negotiated and executed with specific funding amounts.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.