

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 30, 2016

Subject: Southwest Light Rail (Green Line Extension) - Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 7 to the Master Funding Agreement with the MN Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Staffing

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann presented the business item. Chair Schreiber asked how many parcels of land this involves. Mr. Fuhrmann stated there are 153 parcels, but most of them are not full acquisitions, but are temporary easements.

Motion by Councilmember Dorfman, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and carried.

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.399

Staff Prepared/Presented: Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510
Mark W. Fuhrmann, Program Director for New Starts, 612-373-3810
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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

The Metropolitan Council (Council) on February 22, 2012, authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperation Agreement with MnDOT that established roles and responsibilities in the development of light rail transit in the Southwest Corridor. The Council on March 28, 2012, authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a MFA with MnDOT that established the contractual framework between the parties for engineering, technical, and professional services. The MFA authorizes SFAs that provide a method to transfer of funds from the Council to MnDOT so that MnDOT can carry out its Green Line Extension Project responsibilities.

The funds reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the delivery of the Green Line Extension Project. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

Rationale

Use of MnDOT staff is a cost effective way to provide expertise in areas such as structural engineering, right of way, and environmental oversight. For calendar year 2017, MnDOT anticipate providing assistance in the areas of design support, right of way, environmental oversight, utility relocation, construction oversight, and other related tasks.

Funding

Funds are available in the Green Line Extension Project budget from the State of Minnesota, Counties Transit Improvement Board, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

Known Support / Opposition

The Metropolitan Council and MnDOT are committed to working together to deliver the Green Line Extension Project.