

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2016

Subject: Funding Agreement with Hennepin Co. Regional Railroad Authority for METRO Orange Line

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute cooperative funding agreement 16I013 with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) not to exceed \$2,600,000 to fund METRO Orange Line activities.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Senior Manager, BRT/Small Starts Projects Charles Carlson presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

The business item referenced expected approval by Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) on November 29, 2016. The approval was issued as expected by HCRRA.

Motion by Letofsky, seconded by Munt and carried. **Consent to Council.**

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District(s), Member(s): District 5 – Steve Elkins, District 7 – Gary Cunningham, District 8 – Cara Letofsky, District 15 – Steven Chavez

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.405 and 471.59

Staff Prepared/Presented: Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510

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Division/Department: Metro Transit BRT/Small Starts

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Background

The METRO Orange Line is a 17 mile highway BRT project along I-35W connecting the cities of Minneapolis, Richfield, Bloomington and Burnsville, with a future extension to Lakeville. In March 2016 the Council authorized a \$2,660,000 agreement with HCRRA to fund right-of-way acquisition activities planned in 2016. This agreement was not executed because required state funds to advance project work were not secured in 2016.

To meet coordinated MnDOT project schedule needs, local project partner funds are planned to be used for project construction near I-35W and Lake Street instead of the originally approved ROW acquisition elsewhere in the corridor. Expenditures under this agreement will become part of a MnDOT Partnership Agreement that the Council will be requested to approve in March 2017.

HCRRA is anticipated to authorize this agreement on November 29, 2016, and committed its full \$12.79 million share to the project in July 2015. A related \$400,000 agreement with Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (DCRRA) was approved by DCRRA on November 15, 2016 and does not require Council authorization. Together, these \$3 million of local funds match \$8 million of CTIB funds anticipated for 2017 award. These agreements must be executed to receive 2017 CTIB disbursements.

Rationale

Council Policy requires interagency agreements valued at greater than \$1,000,000 be approved by the Council.

Funding

The proposed action will authorize an agreement to bring local funding into project 62405, METRO Orange Line. Approval to authorize these funds will be included in a future budget amendment.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.



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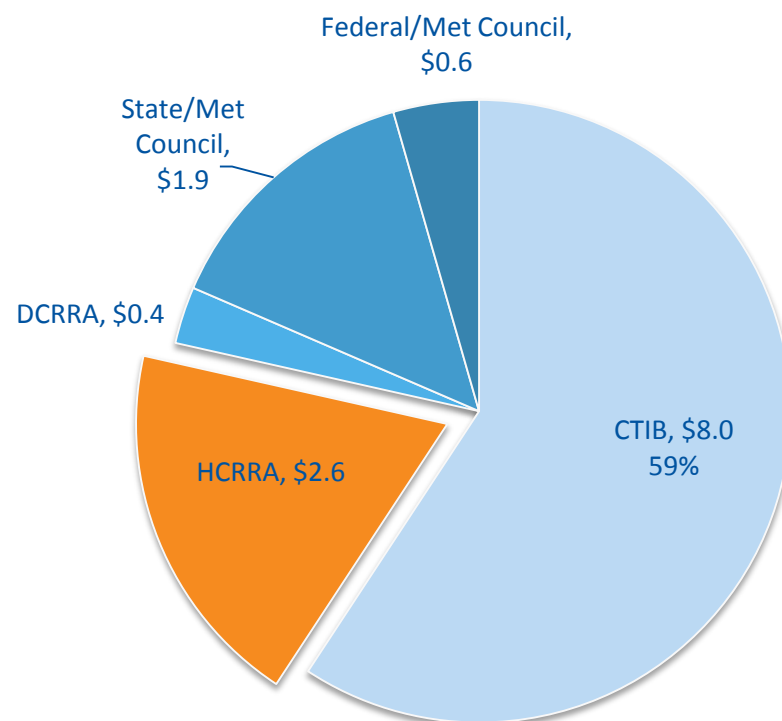
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2017 CTIB Capital Grant Funding Requests

- \$13.5M of 2017 project activities planned
- \$8M CTIB 2017 Capital Grant requested
 - \$3M ongoing Project Development work
 - \$5M project construction activities
 - 2017 CTIB capital grant match sources
 - \$2.6M HCRRA (proposed action)
 - \$0.4M DCRRA
 - \$1.9M state funds (secured 2014)
 - \$0.6M federal funds (secured 2015)
- Local match agreements must be executed in early February 2017 to receive CTIB project disbursements

2017 Capital Grant Sources, in Millions



Ongoing progress toward Orange Line Implementation

- Accomplishments in 2016 include
 - Secured \$40M, total committed funding from all sources grew to \$64.52M
 - Progressed to 30-60+% design
 - Project cost estimate stable at \$150.7M
 - Project environmental clearance (DCE) expected December 2016
- Anticipated 2017 milestones include
 - MnDOT Construction partnership for transit/roadway coordinated construction- March 2017
 - Final state funding (\$12.1M) Q2 2017
 - 100% design completion Q3 2017
 - FTA Small Starts funding recommendation
- Construction starts 2017-2018

Capital Funding Sources, in Millions

