

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 27, 2016

Subject: Cooperative Funding Agreement with Hennepin County for engineering costs in coordination with C Line Bus Rapid Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Cooperative Funding Agreement 15I080 with Hennepin County, in an amount not to exceed \$1,846,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Katie Roth presented. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Letofsky and passed.

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| District(s), Member(s): | District 7 (Cunningham) |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Policy 3-3e |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Charles Carlson, Senior Manager, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7639 Katie Roth, Project Manager, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7772 |
| Division/Department: | Metro Transit BRT/Small Starts Project Office |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Cooperative Funding Agreement 15I080 with Hennepin County.

This agreement will allow the Council to receive County funds for Penn Avenue design and construction engineering in coordination with C Line bus rapid transit (BRT).

Background

Since 2013, Metro Transit has coordinated C Line corridor planning with the Penn Avenue Community Works partnership with Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis. The C Line project will construct eight (8) BRT stations along Penn Avenue in the Community Works project area. At these eight intersections, Hennepin County is coordinating with Metro Transit to fully reconstruct intersections concurrent with BRT implementation.

Metro Transit is procuring services for design and construction engineering of these intersections along with the broader C Line project. Through this agreement, Hennepin County will fund engineering of non-BRT portions of the eight Penn Avenue intersections, in an amount not to exceed \$1,846,000. Metro Transit will fund engineering costs for BRT components of the intersections.

Construction-phase funding participation will be addressed by a future agreement.

Rationale

A cooperative funding agreement with Hennepin County will ensure County funds will be made available to fund the engineering services contract for the C Line project, to be awarded in a future Council action. Council Policy requires that interagency agreements valued at greater than \$1,000,000 be approved by the Council.

Funding

The proposed action will authorize and agreement to bring County funding into project 61404, C Line BRT, in an amount not to exceed \$1,846,000. Approval to authorize these funds is included in the Metropolitan Council's 2016 1st Quarter Budget Amendment.

Full funding for construction of the C Line has yet to be identified.

Known Support / Opposition

On March 15, 2016, the Hennepin County Board authorized negotiation of this agreement along with its approval of the Penn Avenue Vision and Implementation Framework. There is no known opposition.