

**Transportation Committee**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 28, 2016

**Subject:** Authorize 2017 Capital and Operating Grant Applications to Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)

**Proposed Action**

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**Capital**

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**Operating**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
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| 7. Cedar Avenue BRT Express | Est. \$200,000    |
| 8. METRO Red Line BRT       | Est. \$1,650,000  |

**Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**

Metro Transit Director Finance Ed Petrie presented this item. There were no comments or questions from committee members.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Rodriguez and carried.

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Meeting date: September 26, 2016

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Metropolitan Council Policy 3-2-2; 2008 MN Session Laws, Chapter 152, Article 4, Sec.2, Subd. 5; and 2011 MN Session Laws, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 5

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services

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**Background**

CTIB was created in 2008 by enabling state legislation and the concurrence of five counties in the region (Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington). Its purpose is to provide a dedicated



source for capital and operating funds for transitway projects serving the five participating counties. CTIB first awarded grants in 2009 and will work with its Grant Evaluation and Ranking System Committee (GEARS) to evaluate grants and make funding recommendations.

The solicitation for applications for the current grant round was released on September 21, 2016. Grant Applications are due October 12, 2016. Council action is a prerequisite for all grant applications in excess of \$500,000 or for applications that staff deem appropriate to bring before the Council.

The Council had agreed to submit a Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) capital grant on behalf of Dakota County for design and engineering of the Apple Valley Transit Station park and ride facility expansion. On September 21, 2016, CTIB passed a resolution approving their 2016 Program of Projects which specifies projects eligible for CTIB funding. Red Line capital projects are no longer eligible for CTIB funding, and therefore this Business Item does not contain the Red Line Apple Valley Transit Station project.

### **Rationale**

CTIB capital grant funds will contribute to capital projects identified in the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan, CIP and draft 2017 operating budget. State law limits state contributions to LRT operations for 50% of the net operating cost with the assumption that CTIB funds will be used to pay the remaining up to the 50% of the net operating cost. CTIB funds will also be used to pay 41.95% of the net operating cost of Northstar commuter rail operations and 50% of the net operating cost of the METRO Red line, Cedar Avenue BRT Express and I-35W South BRT Express bus operations.

### **Funding**

The funding and commitment requests listed above total an estimated \$249.8 million, with \$216 million requested for capital and \$33.8 million requested for operating. The listed grant amounts are estimates and will be finalized prior to the application deadlines. CTIB requires that capital projects maximize the use and availability of federal funds and have a 10% non-federal contribution from the state or Metropolitan Council

### **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition. The proposed grant submittals are consistent with CTIB's adopted Program of Projects.