

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

**Subject:** Gold Line BRT– Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) for 2018 MnDOT Staffing

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### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Charles Carlson, Senior Manager from the BRT/Small Starts Office, provided background and introduced Chris Beckwith, Senior Project Manager from the Gold Line Project Office, who presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion by Schreiber, seconded by Reynoso and passed. CONSENT to Council.

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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  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit BRT/Small Starts – METRO Gold Line Project Office

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### Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT at its August 23, 2017 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Agreement (CA) and a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) for the development the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (GBRT) Project. Each SFA under the Master Funding Agreement provides a method for the transfer of funds from the Metropolitan Council to MnDOT so that MnDOT can carry out its METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project responsibilities.

Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures. The 2018 SFA will reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the construction of the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.

### Rationale

Use of MnDOT staff is a cost-effective way to provide expertise in areas such as roadway design, structural engineering, and environmental oversight. In 2018, MnDOT will assist in design support, environmental oversight, and utility coordination activities.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The METRO Gold Line Project supports Thrive outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity with its investment in high-quality transportation that will make the region more economically competitive by supporting major job creators and increasing workers' access to employment hubs. The Gold Line will distribute transit resources throughout the region, benefitting regional residents and increasing the quality of transit service available. The Gold Line will serve communities that are home to more than 20% of the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area's zero-car households where approximately 36,000 adults in the corridor communities live without a vehicle.

### Funding

The GBRT's two-year Project Development phase is fully funded at \$25 million with funding commitments from CTIB, Washington County, Ramsey

County/RCRRA, and the State of Minnesota. All funding commitments are currently reflected in the Council's Authorized Capital Budget in project 61402.

**Known Support / Opposition**

The Metropolitan Council and MnDOT have executed Cooperation and Master Funding Agreements; both agencies are committed to working together to advance the GBRT Project.



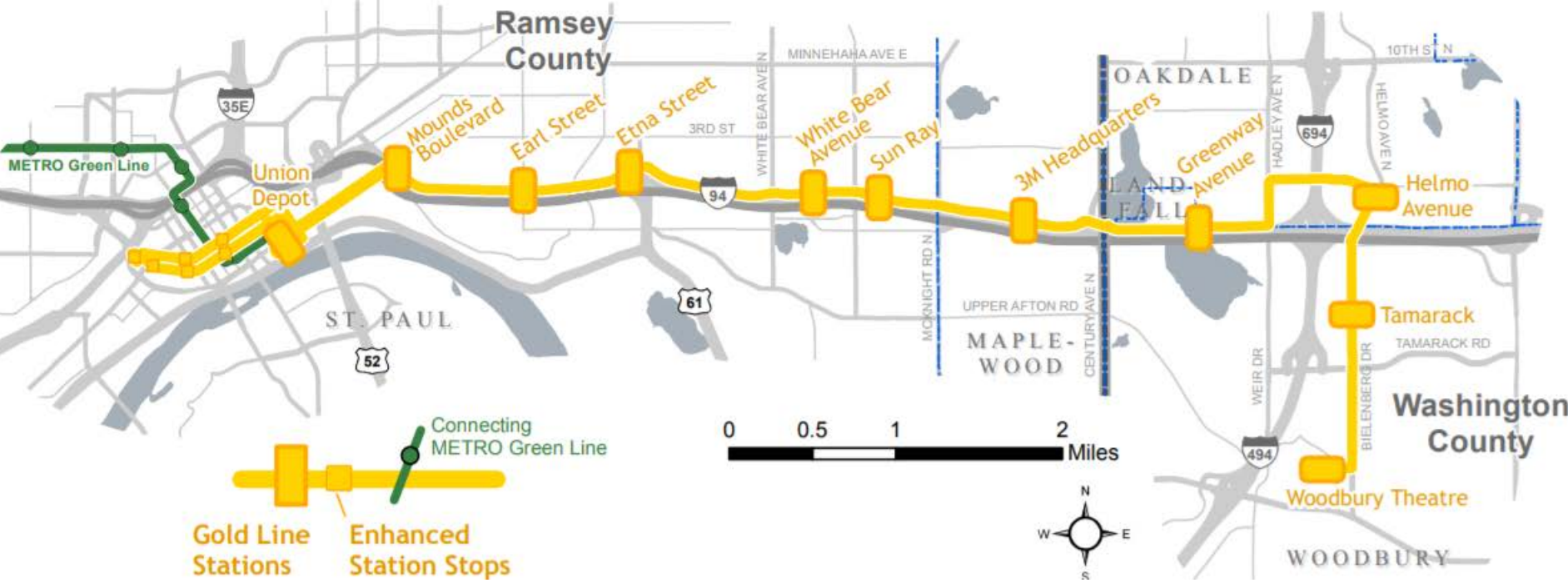
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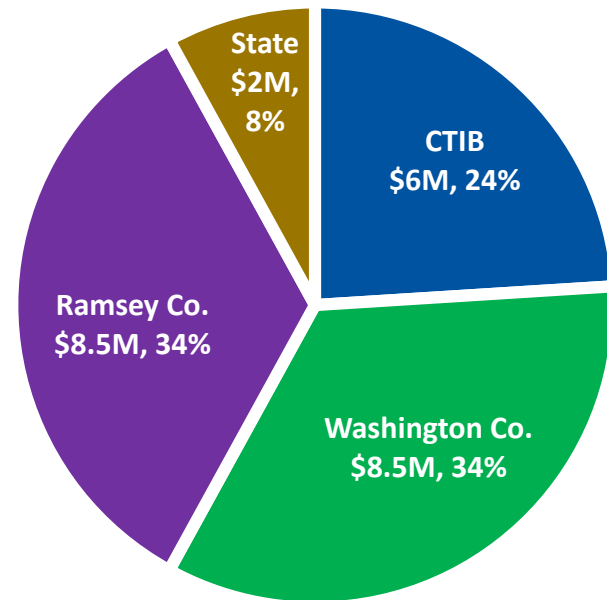
# Gold Line BRT Overview

- 8,000 Est. Daily Riders (2040)
- \$420M Est. Capital Cost (YOE)
- \$5.1M Annual Operating Cost
- Opening 2024
- Advances Thrive 2040:
  - Coordinating: 2 counties, 5 cities
  - Prosperity: 301,000 jobs (2040)
  - Livability: 522,000 people (2040)
  - Equity: 1/5 of zero car households in Twin Cities in cities along route



- Project Development Phase Funding (\$25M) fully in place
  - \$2M state bonds awarded 2014
  - \$17M local funding agreement, Met Council, Ramsey, Washington Co.
  - \$6M CTIB via assignment agreements
  - All funding agreements fully executed
  - Funds authorized by Council in Q3 2017
- Project Development (PD) is a federally defined phase of implementing a project
  - Project expenditures during PD count toward local match of planned future federal grant
  - 2-year window to complete all PD activities and to apply and enter New Starts Engineering

## Project Development Funding



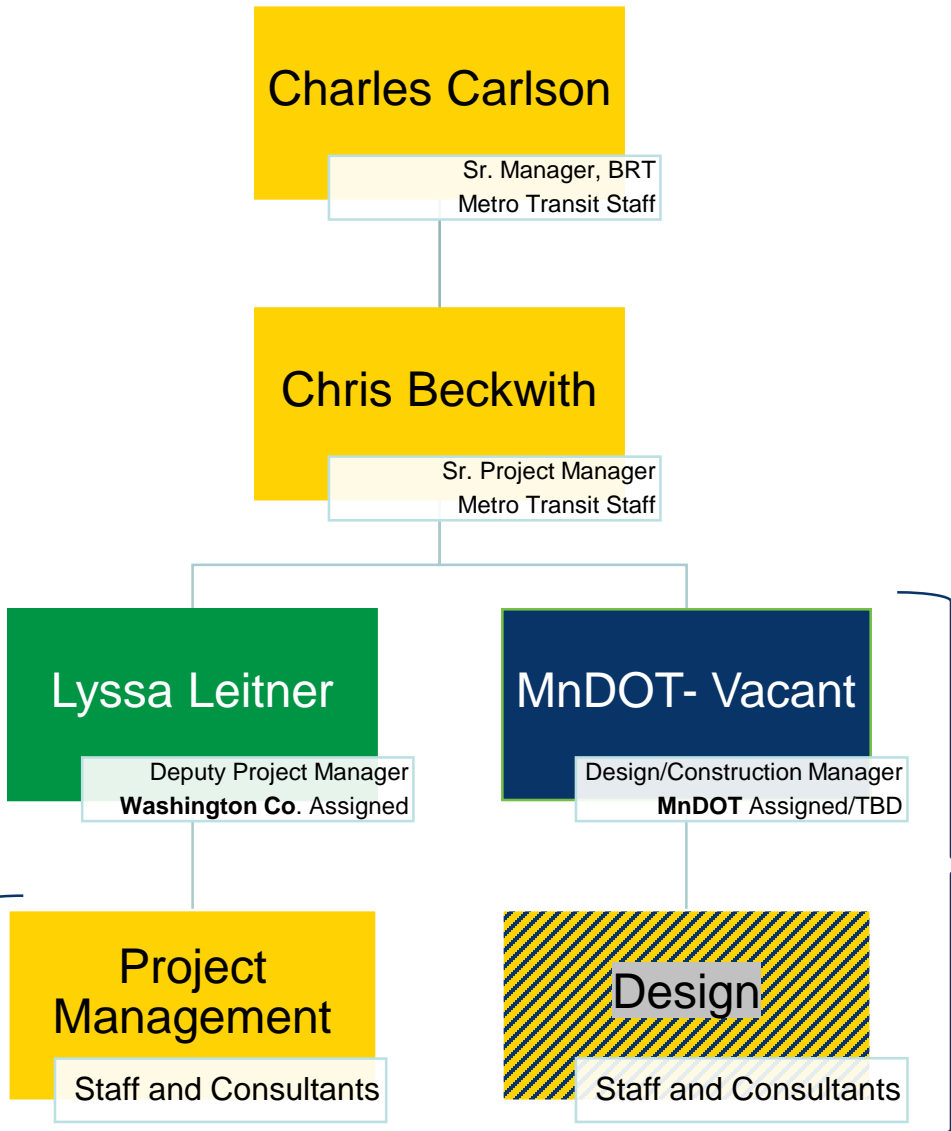
# Project Office- Partnership Approach



Co-Location  
via  
Office Lease  
Item  
2017-258

PMC  
Contract  
Item  
2017-241

MnDOT  
SFA  
Item  
2017-231



# 2017-231 Subordinate Funding Agreement with MnDOT

<p>Associated Met Council Actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization to execute Cooperative Agreement and Master Funding Agreement with MnDOT for GBRT, August 2017</li> <li>• Similar historical annual authorizations for Green Line Extension (SWLRT), Blue Line Extension (BLRT), and Green Line (CCLRT)</li> </ul>
<p>Cost and Timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not to exceed \$909,461</li> <li>• Calendar Year 2018 only</li> </ul>
<p>Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFA #1 is within the fully-funded Project Development Phase</li> </ul>

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# 2017-241 Project Management/Environmental Contract

Associated Met Council Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizations for contract awards including similar scope were approved for Orange Line, Blue Line Extension, Green Line Extension and Green Line</li> </ul>
Cost and Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not to exceed \$19,490,885</li> <li>• 7 year contract</li> <li>• Phased Notices to Proceed</li> </ul>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first two Notices to Proceed are fully funded with Pre-Project and Project Development local funding commitments</li> </ul>

## Proposed Action:

*That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Project Management and Environmental Services Consultant (PMC) consultant contract with HNTB Corporation for consultant services for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (Gold Line) in an amount not to exceed \$19,490,885.*

# 2017-258 Gold Line Project Office Lease

Associated Met Council Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization for similar project office leases were approved for the Southwest Project Office, Blue Line Project Office and Central Corridor Project Office</li> </ul>
Cost and Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not to exceed \$1,320,864</li> <li>• 7 year lease</li> <li>• Lease terms allow for termination at any time</li> </ul>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costs for the first two years are within the fully-funded Project Development Phase</li> </ul>

**Proposed Action:**

*That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (GBRT) Project Office lease agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Ramsey County Department of Property Management for a 9,578 square foot space in the Metro Square Building in St. Paul, Minnesota for the seven-year (84-month) period from February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1,320,864.*



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