

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

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### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Chris Beckwith, Senior Project Manager from the Gold Line Project Office, presented this item.

Dorfman asked how was it determined that there was adequate competition with only one proposal. Beckwith responded that the FTA requires that an adequate competition analysis be completed and filed (when we only have one proposer) which reviews and documents a number of tasks completed during the solicitation process including how widely the request for proposal (RFP) was advertised, the attendance at the pre-proposal meeting, the list of firms who downloaded the RFP as well as contacting the other consulting teams and documenting why they didn't propose. Beckwith added that we have another pending Gold Line BRT contract for Engineering Services and firms cannot contract for both scopes (Environmental Services are required by the FTA to be contracted separately from Engineering Services). This was one of the reasons why some of the firms did not submit proposals for both RFPs.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Munt and passed.

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**District(s), Member(s):** District 11 (Rummel), District 12 (Melander), District 13, (Kramer)

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services

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

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### Background

The Gold Line is a planned 9-mile transitway that would run generally along the north side of Interstate 94 in primarily an exclusive lane for buses within Ramsey and Washington Counties. The Council is the local project sponsor or lead agency for the Gold Line and has just requested entry into the Project Development phase of the Capital Investment Grant Program as a New Starts project in November 2017. Acceptance into the Program by the Federal Transit Administration is anticipated by the end of 2017 or early in 2018.

The Project Management and Environmental Services (PMC) Consultant will provide services including:

- Project Management Services
- Environmental Services
- Project Controls
- Financial Management
- Public Outreach and Communications Support
- Safety and Security Expertise
- Project Development and Engineering Services, and
- Construction Phase Support

The HNTB proposal was reviewed by a multi-agency Evaluation Panel and was determined to be in the best interest of the Council and Project Funding Partners. The proposal has passed the OEO review for DBE participation with a 15.475% DBE commitment against a 15% goal.

### Rationale

The execution of design and construction service contracts above \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### 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. This contract will have phased Notices to Proceed corresponding to available project funding and advancement through the FTA New Starts program.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.



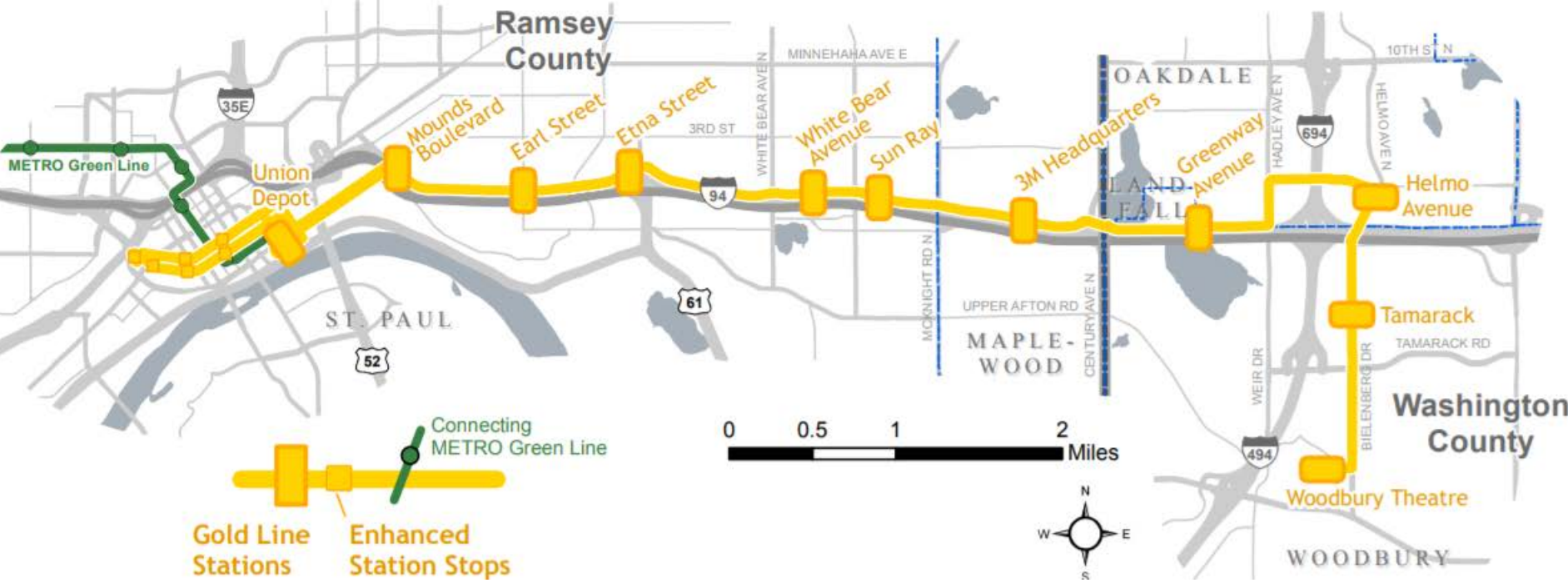
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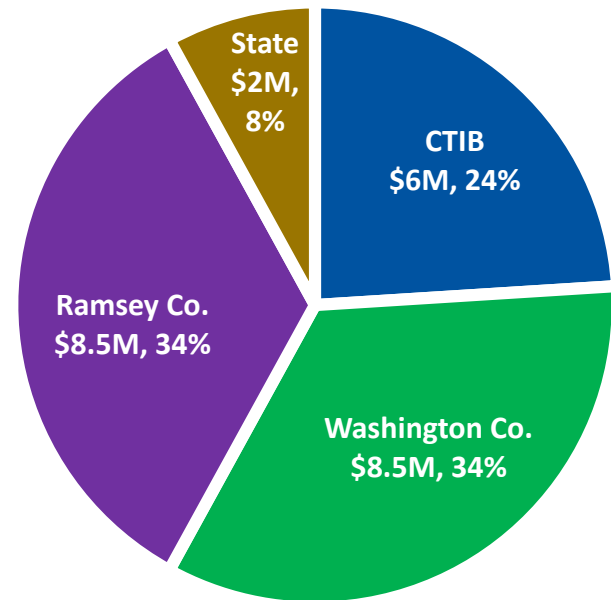
# Gold Line BRT Overview

- 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



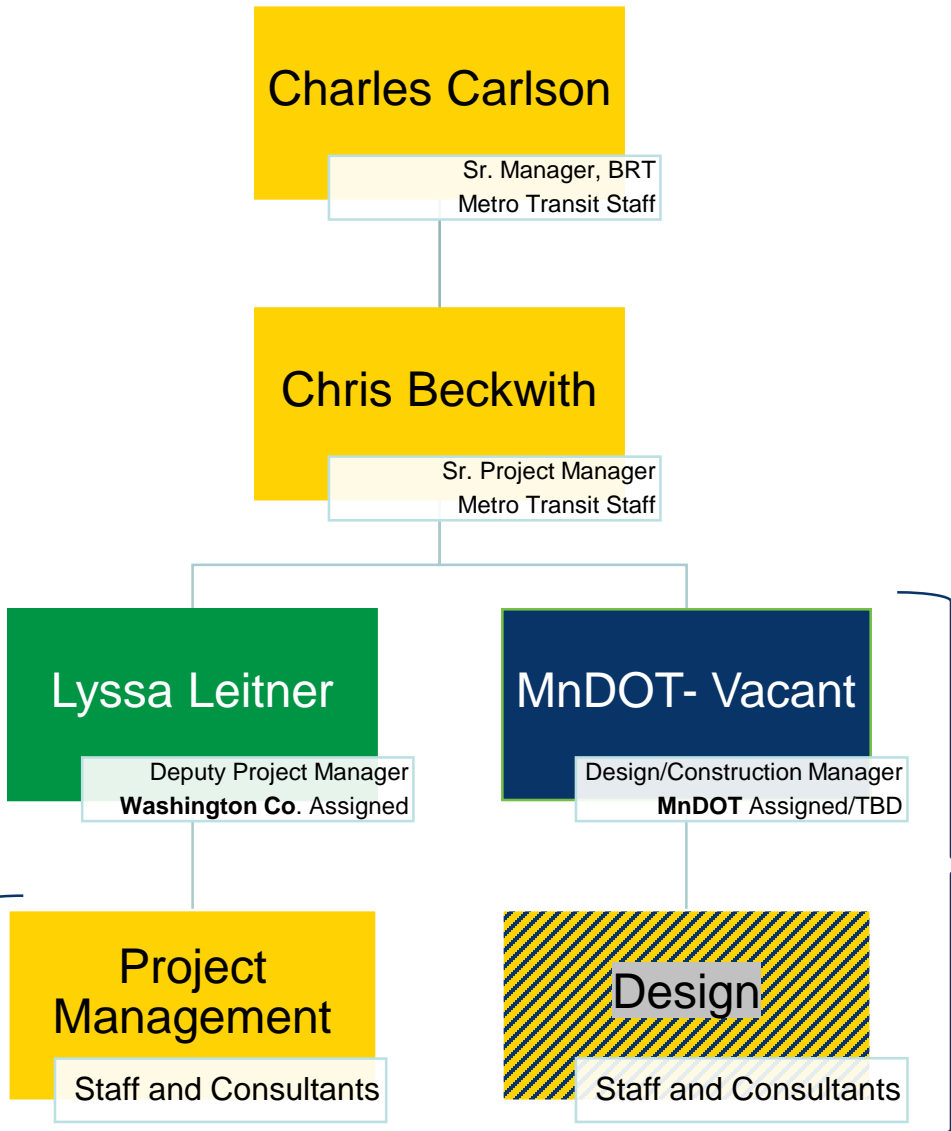
# Project Office- Partnership Approach



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

Associated Met Council Actions	<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>
Cost and Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not to exceed \$909,461</li> <li>• Calendar Year 2018 only</li> </ul>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFA #1 is within the fully-funded Project Development Phase</li> </ul>

**Proposed Action:**

*That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a METRO Gold Line BRT Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 01 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$909,461 for calendar year 2018.*



# 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>

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# 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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