

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 13

Subject: METRO Blue Line Extension – Amendment to the 2017 Grant with Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Approval

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the METRO Blue Line Extension Amendment to the 2017 Grant with Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB).

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

MarySue Abel presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion by Letofsky, seconded by Munt. Motion passed.

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Meeting date: December 11, 2017

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Subject: METRO Blue Line Extension – Amendment to the 2017 Grant with Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)
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 / METRO Blue Line Extension Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB.

Background

On March 2, 2017, the METRO Blue Line Extension 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB was executed (Met Council #171001). This agreement recognized a Maximum Grant Amount of \$66,000,000 and an activity period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The matching funds for this grant were identified as \$44,000,000 from HCRRA. With the dissolution of CTIB on September 30, 2017, this grant was assigned to Hennepin County.

Changes to the project schedule have moved many of the grant activities into 2018. This amendment will extend the grant activity period to April 30, 2018 (previously December 31, 2017) and amend the corresponding Grant Disbursement Schedule. In addition, the amendment will recognize matching funds to the grant from both Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA), as opposed to just HCRRA.

Rationale

Executing this amendment will provide necessary funds to the METRO Blue Line Extension project for eligible grant activities in early 2018.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The METRO BLRT Extension Project supports Thrive outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity by providing new access to economic and personal opportunity through the project corridor.

Funding

This amendment to the 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB, assigned to Hennepin County, will provide the project with funds necessary for eligible grant activities. There is no change in grant funding.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.

