

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 14, 2018

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Green Line Extension Hennepin County 2019 Capital Grant Agreement

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 16 U.S.C. Section 470 (f); MN Stat. 297A.993

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Capital Grant Agreement for the Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTF) Period with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) in the amount of \$434,901,943 to provide funding necessary for LNTF Project activities during the Period, December 2018-August 2019.

Background

Southwest Project Office submitted a grant request to Hennepin County and HCRRA for a 2018-2019 Capital Grant in the amount of \$434,901,943 to complete Engineering, award the Civil Construction Contract, issue a LNTF and apply for the Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2019. The total cost for project activities during the LNTF Period is \$434,901,943. Hennepin County will fund 80% or \$347,921,554 and HCRRA will fund 20% or \$86,980,389 of project activities during this period. This funding is needed to award the Civil Construction Contract and issue a Limited Notice to Proceed and activities during LNTF. The activities highlighted are new activities planned for December 2018 - August 2019:

- Design support during construction;
- Construction activities performed by Civil Contractor;
- Demolition of vacant structures in Hopkins;
- Appraisal and relocation services;
- Real property acquisition under Pre-Award authority;
- Project office expenses including: force account, rent, office and technology;
- Third Party agreements; and
- Light Rail Vehicle design and production.

Rationale

This amendment provides sufficient funding to allow the Council to award the Civil Construction Contract and issue a LNTF for construction of the Green Line Extension.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Construction of the Green Line Extension will increase the region's prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option for 55,800 forecasted

residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents in downtown Minneapolis.

Funding

All the local funding for the Project has been committed. The Capital Grant Agreement for the LNTP Period with Hennepin County and HCRRA provides funding for LNTP activities.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition to this action.