

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 14, 2018

<b>Subject:</b>	Amend C Line / Penn Avenue Engineering Agreement with Hennepin County
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 7 (Cunningham)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Policy 3-3e
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment 1 to Agreement 15I080 with Hennepin County, increasing maximum County participation by \$254,000, up to an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.

### Background

Metro Transit holds a contract for design and construction engineering of C Line and associated street improvements on Penn Avenue. Agreement 15I080 was executed in 2016 to accept up to \$1,846,000 in Hennepin County funds for engineering costs of non-BRT portions of intersections to be reconstructed along the Penn Avenue corridor. Engineering costs for all BRT components of the intersections are funded by Metro Transit.

Since that time, Hennepin County has added 0.6 miles of full street reconstruction to the scope of the combined project. Additional Hennepin County design and construction engineering funds are needed for this added scope. This amendment will make up to \$254,000 in additional County funds available to fund an amendment to the engineering services contract for the C Line / Penn project, to be authorized in a future Council action.

Construction-phase funding participation has been addressed by a separate agreement.

### Rationale

Council authorization is required for this amendment, as it exceeds 10 percent of the initial agreement value.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options in the Penn Avenue corridor will advance the thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The C Line / Penn Avenue project advances the equity outcome by investing in transit in an area of concentrated poverty where more than 50 percent of the residents are people of color.

By continuing a productive partnership between agencies, this agreement with Hennepin County increases the Council's ability to carry out its principle of working collaboratively.

### **Funding**

The proposed action will bring in additional funds from Hennepin County. The Penn Avenue improvements constitute a locally requested capital improvement (LRCI) associated with the C Line project. Funding is separate from the C Line project.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

The Hennepin County Board authorized additional funds for this agreement on November 27, 2017. There is no known opposition.