

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 26, 2018

Subject: METRO Blue Line Extension – Capital Grant Amendments with Hennepin County

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

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

Motion by Schreiber, seconded by Dorfman. Motion carried. CONSENT to Council.

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / METRO Blue Line Extension Project Office

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Background

On March 2, 2017, the METRO Blue Line Extension 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB was executed (Met Council #17I001). With the dissolution of CTIB, this grant was assigned to Hennepin County. The matching funds for this CTIB grant are included in the CFA with HCRRA (Met Council #17I003) executed on March 15, 2017.

On December 13, 2017, the Council authorized amendment 1 to the CTIB grant, extending the activity period to April 30, 2018. On April 25, 2018, the Council authorized amendment 2 to the CTIB grant and amendment 1 to the HCRRA grant, extending the activity period to September 30, 2018.

Changes to the project schedule have moved many of the grant activities into the fourth quarter of 2018. These amendments will extend the grant activity period to December 31, 2018 and amend the corresponding Grant Disbursement Schedules.

Rationale

Executing these amendments will provide necessary funds to the METRO Blue Line Extension project for eligible grant activities in 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

These amendments to the 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB, assigned to Hennepin County, and the CFA for Engineering Phase with HCRRA 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.