

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2020

Subject: METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit – Master Funding Agreement with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Master Funding Agreement with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit BRT Projects Assistant Director Chris Beckwith presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion by Fredson, seconded by Gonzalez. Motion carried, **consent** to Council.

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Meeting date: June 8, 2020

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District(s), Member(s): District 11 (Vento), District 12 (Gonzalez), District 13 (Lee)

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) for the METRO Gold Line BRT (GBRT) Project.

Background

The MFA establishes a framework for the transfer of funds between the Council and RCRRA for reimbursement of professional services and construction related to the GBRT Project.

Future Subordinate Funding Agreement(s) (SFA) to this MFA will provide the details for each unique scope of work and funding terms related to each SFA. Negotiation and execution of this MFA does not obligate the Council or RCRRA for any funding.

Rationale

Execution of the MFA establishes the framework for the transfer of funding and the ability to execute SFAs between the Council and other agencies.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The GBRT 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 METRO Gold Line will distribute transit resources throughout the region, benefitting regional residents and increasing the quality of transit service available.

Funding

Master Funding Agreements do not require funding. Subsequent SFAs will be negotiated and executed with specific scope and funding amounts.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.