Committee Report

Business Item No. 2021-58

Management Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 24, 2021

Subject: Award SWLRT Grant Anticipation Notes Within Established Financial Parameters: Resolutions; 2021-7 and 2021-8

Proposed Action

The Metropolitan Council adopt Parameters Resolutions 2021-7 and 2021-8 which authorize the issuance, sale and award of general obligation debt within established financial parameters, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and the execution of necessary documents to secure the financing.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

The following background was given: The Council adopted a SWLRT cash flow financing plan on November 14, 2020 which calls for Council issuance of a series of Grant Anticipation Notes (GANs) to fund SWLRT project cash flows pending receipt of FTA reimbursement payments.

The Council issued the first series of GANs in December 2020 and is now planning to issue a second series of GANS to fund \$435 million of project cash flow. This second series is projected to fund project expenses until early 2022. The GANs will be issued in two series, one series with maturities from 1-4 years and a second series with maturities from 5-8 years. Both series will close in May 2021. Multiple series will provide flexibility to prospective underwriters and ensure broad bidding participation and the lowest interest rates possible. Debt Service will be paid by future FTA reimbursement payments.

The GANs must be issued within the financial parameters established in the proposed Resolutions. Staff are comfortable that at the time of the sale, all the parameters set in the resolutions and described in the business item will be met.

The Business Item was presented by Senior Manager, Treasury Mark Thompson and there were no questions or discussion.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Barber. Motion carried.

Management Committee

Meeting date: March 10, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 24, 2021

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes: 473.39, subd. 5, and 475.522; Council Policy FM 2-2 Finance and Asset Management and FM 3-2 Debt Management

Staff Prepared/Presented: Mark Thompson, Senior Manager, Treasury (651-602-1629) and Marie Henderson, Acting Chief Financial Officer (651-602-1387)

Division/Department: All

Proposed Action

The Metropolitan Council adopt Parameters Resolutions 2021-7 and 2021-8 which authorize the issuance, sale and award of general obligation debt within established financial parameters, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and the execution of necessary documents to secure the financing.

Background

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved the nearly \$2 billion SWLRT project and awarded a Full-Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) to cover 46.86% of the cost of the project. The balance of the cost is being fully funded by local partners who have already fulfilled most of their funding commitments. The FTA financial commitment is spelled out in the FFGA signed by the FTA and the Council on September 14, 2020. FTA payments to the Council under the agreement will be on a reimbursement basis.

The Council adopted a SWLRT cash flow financing plan on November 14, 2020 which calls for Council issuance of multiple Grant Anticipation Notes (GANs) to fund project cash flows pending receipt of FTA reimbursement payments. SWLRT project expenses are concentrated in the next 2-3 years, while the FTA reimbursements are spread over 10 years. The total amount of G.O. GANs issued for the entire SWLRT project is estimated at \$760.0 million over the period 2020-2024, the actual amount will depend on the future changes in interest rates, cash flows, and related assumptions.

This requested GANs issuance is the second in an expected series of four GANs issuances. It will provide the project approximately \$435 million of funding to cover projected 2021 SWLRT project expenses. Debt service will be paid by future FTA reimbursement payments.

As recommended by the Council's financial advisor, because of the large size this GAN issuance will be sold in two pieces (series), with different maturity structures, to improve marketability to investors. Resolution 2021-7 authorizes a GANs series with maturities one to

four years. Resolution 2021-8 authorizes a GANs series with maturities five to eight years. The combined total (Series B&C together) amount of issued will not exceed \$436.5 million.

Expected SWLRT Cash Flow Financing:

- 1. \$200 million General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B (1-4 years)
- 2. \$235 million General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C (5-8 years)

Rationale

Parameters Resolutions

This action authorizes Council staff to award the sale of the debt within parameters established in the resolution and adopted by the Council. The parameters provide specific up-front information to the Council on expectations for the debt sale and provide flexibility in setting the sale date to take advantage of the interest rate conditions in the market place, make minor adjustments to the structure of bonds, and allow quick award of the sale to underwriters. Council staff will only award the sale of the bonds within these parameters. The parameters established in the requested Resolutions for the sale of GANs are summarized in the chart below.

Parameter	2020B	2020C
Purpose	Grant Anticipation	Grant Anticipation
	Notes	Notes
Sale Authorization (days)	90	90
Max Par to Issue (million \$)	\$436.5 combined	\$436.50 combined
Min purchase price/issue	100%	100%
Max True Interest Cost (%)	2.00%	2.50%

Staff will provide results of the GANs sales to the Management Committee and Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Stewardship – Providing a low-cost funding mechanism to finance capital projects.

Funding

The GANs' financing costs include interest expense (net of interest revenue on positive balances), financial advisor and bond counsel fees, rating agencies' fees, printing fees, etc. The GANs are expected to be will be paid from the collection of federal grants anticipated under the Federal Transit Administration Full Funding Grant Agreement awarded to the SWLRT project. The GANs will also carry the full faith and credit backing of the Council, in the form of our general obligation pledge and ad valorem taxes.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

CERTIFICATION OF EXTRACT FROM MINUTES RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021B

Issuer: Metropolitan Council, Minnesota

Governing Body: Council Members

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 4:00 o'clock P.M., by teleconference in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Documents Attached:

Extract of minutes of said meeting including:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07 TO ISSUE AND SELL GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021B, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Metropolitan Council, the public corporation issuing the Notes referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been extracted; that said documents are correct and accurate copies of the resolution and related documents approved by the Council at its regular meeting held on March 24, 2021, so far as they relate to said Notes; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such Recording Secretary on _____, 2021

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

After some discussion, Council Member ______ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07 TO ISSUE AND SELL GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021B, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOFAND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Council

Member , and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor

thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following were absent for the vote:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chair

whose signature was attested by the Recording Secretary.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

TO ISSUE AND SELL GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021B, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council (the "Council" or the "Issuer"), as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION AND SALE.

1.1 <u>Authorization and Purpose</u>. This Council determines that it is necessary to sell and issue its tax-exempt General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B (the "Notes" or the "Series 2021B Notes") as provided in the Terms of Proposal referred to in Section 1.2 hereof, subject to adjustment as provided herein, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.39 and 475.522 and Chapter 475, to temporarily finance a portion of the construction costs of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Project No. MN-2020-047-00) (the "SWLRT Project") in anticipation of the receipt of federal grants to be received by the Council, as prescribed in the Council's SWLRT Cash Flow Financing Plan approved by the Council on November 4, 2020.

Terms of Note Sale; Notices. The Council has retained Baker Tilly Municipal 1.2 Advisors LLC, St. Paul, Minnesota ("Baker Tilly") as independent municipal advisor, and, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, subdivision 2, paragraph 9, Baker Tilly is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Notes on behalf of the Council on a competitive basis without requirement of published notice. The terms of the Notes and the sale thereof shall be substantially as set forth in the Terms of Proposal attached as Exhibit A hereto, which are hereby approved. The Council hereby determines to sell the Notes in accordance with the procedures set forth in Exhibit A. The specifications set forth in Exhibit A may be revised by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in consultation with Baker Tilly, provided that the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2021B Notes authorized and issued hereunder, combined with the Council's General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C (the "Series 2021C Notes"), shall not exceed \$436,500,000 plus the amount of any premium paid with respect thereto. The Council hereby delegates to the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Chief Financial Officer's designee, authority to consider the proposals and award the sale not later than 90 days from the date hereof based upon the best proposal, provided that the true interest cost of the Notes shall not exceed 2.00%, all as set forth in a certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (the "Pricing Certificate").

1.3. <u>Combined Maturities</u>. As provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.54, subdivision 2, the maturity schedule of the Notes shall be combined with the maturity schedule of the Council's Series 2021C Notes, which combined maturities conform to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.54, subdivision 1.

SECTION 2. NOTE TERMS; REGISTRATION; EXECUTION AND DELIVERY.

2.1 <u>Maturities; Interest Rates; Denominations and Payment</u>. The Notes shall be originally dated as of the date of delivery, shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any

integral multiple thereof, shall mature on December 1 on the dates in the respective years and amounts stated in the Terms of Proposal, as may be modified in the Pricing Certificate, and shall bear interest from date of issue until paid at the respective annual rates established pursuant to Section 1.2 hereof and set forth in the Pricing Certificate.

The Notes shall be issuable only in fully registered form. The interest thereon and, upon surrender of each Note, the principal amount thereof shall be payable by wire transfer, check or draft issued by the Registrar described herein; provided that, so long as the Notes are registered in the name of a securities depository, or a nominee thereof, in accordance with Section 2.6, principal and interest shall be payable in accordance with the operational arrangements of the securities depository.

2.2 <u>Dates and Interest Payment Dates</u>. Upon initial delivery of the Notes pursuant to Section 2.7 hereof, and upon any subsequent transfer or exchange pursuant to Section 2.5, the date of authentication shall be noted on each Note so delivered, exchanged or transferred. Interest on the Notes shall be payable on June 1 and December 1 on the dates determined by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Chief Financial Officer's designee, and set forth in the Pricing Certificate, to the owner of record thereof as of the close of business on the 15th day of the immediately preceding month, whether or not such day is a business day.

2.3 <u>Redemption</u>. Prospective proposers may designate any portion of the principal of the Notes to be combined within one or more term Notes subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The Notes shall be subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity at the option of the Council in such order of maturity as the Council may determine on the dates, at the prices, and for the maturities as provided in **Exhibit A** hereto, as may be modified in the Pricing Certificate. In the event any of the Notes are called for redemption, written notice thereof identifying the Notes to be redeemed will be given by the Registrar by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid), in accordance with the requirements of DTC, to the registered owner of each Note to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Registrar and by publishing the notice if required by law. Failure to give notice by publication or by mail to any registered owner, or any defect therein, will not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption date, provided that the funds for the redemption are on deposit with the place of payment at that time.

2.4 <u>Appointment of Initial Registrar</u>. The Issuer hereby appoints the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Council, in St. Paul, Minnesota, as the initial Note registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (the "Registrar"). The Issuer reserves the right to change the Registrar upon 30 days' notice and upon the appointment of a successor Registrar, in which event the predecessor Registrar shall deliver all cash and Notes in its possession to the successor Registrar and shall deliver the note register to the successor Registrar.

2.5 <u>Registration</u>. The effect of registration and the rights and duties of the Issuer and the Registrar with respect thereto are as follows:

(a) <u>Register</u>. The Registrar shall keep at its office a note register in which the Registrar shall provide for the registration of ownership of Notes and the registration of transfers and exchanges of Notes entitled to be registered, transferred or exchanged.

(b) <u>Transfer of Notes</u>. Upon surrender for transfer of any Note duly endorsed by the registered owner thereof or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner thereof or by an attorney duly authorized by the registered owner in writing, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes, aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the transferor. The Registrar may, however, close the books for registration of any transfer after the fifteenth day of the month preceding each interest payment date and until such interest payment date.

(c) <u>Exchange of Notes</u>. Whenever any Notes are surrendered by the registered owner for exchange the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver one or more new Notes, aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the registered owner or the owner's attorney in writing.

(d) <u>Cancellation</u>. All Notes surrendered upon any transfer or exchange shall be promptly canceled by the Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the Issuer.

(e) <u>Improper or Unauthorized Transfer</u>. When any Note is presented to the Registrar for transfer, the Registrar may refuse to transfer the same until it is satisfied that the endorsement on such Note or separate instrument of transfer is valid and genuine and that the requested transfer is legally authorized. The Registrar shall incur no liability for the refusal, in good faith, to make transfers which it, in its judgment, deems improper or unauthorized.

(f) <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>. The Issuer and the Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Note is at any time registered in the note register as the absolute owner of such Note, whether such Note shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of and interest on such Note and for all other purposes, and all such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon the owner's order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

(g) <u>Taxes, Fees and Charges</u>. For every transfer or exchange of Notes, the Registrar may impose a charge upon the owner thereof sufficient to reimburse the Registrar for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

(h) <u>Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Notes</u>. In case any Note shall become mutilated or be destroyed, stolen or lost, the Registrar shall deliver a new Note, amount, number, maturity date and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of any such mutilated Note or in lieu of and in substitution for any such Note destroyed, stolen or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Registrar in connection therewith; and, in the case of a Note destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar of evidence satisfactory to it that such Note was destroyed, stolen or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Registrar of an appropriate note or indemnity in form, substance and amount

satisfactory to it, in which both the Issuer and the Registrar shall be named as obligees. All Notes so surrendered to the Registrar shall be canceled by it and evidence of such cancellation shall be given to the Issuer. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost Note has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms it shall not be necessary to issue a new Note prior to payment.

(i) <u>Authenticating Agent</u>. The Registrar is hereby designated authenticating agent for the Notes, within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.55, Subdivision 1, as amended.

2.6 <u>Securities Depository</u>.

(a) For purposes of this Section 2.6, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean, whenever used with respect to a Note, the person in whose name such Note is recorded as the beneficial owner of such Note by a Participant on the records of such Participant, or such person's subrogee.

"Cede & Co." shall mean Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to the Notes.

"DTC" shall mean The Depository Trust Company of New York, New York.

"Participant" shall mean any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which DTC holds Notes as securities depository.

"Representation Letter" shall mean the Representation Letter pursuant to which the sender agrees to comply with DTC's Operational Arrangements.

The Notes shall be initially issued as separately authenticated fully registered notes, (b)and one Note shall be issued in the principal amount of each stated maturity of the Notes. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of such Notes shall be registered in the note register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Registrar and the Issuer may treat DTC (or its nominee) as the sole and exclusive owner of the Notes registered in its name for the purposes of payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes, selecting the Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed, if any, giving any notice permitted or required to be given to registered owners of Notes under the Resolution, registering the transfer of Notes, and for all other purposes whatsoever; and neither the Registrar nor the Issuer shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. Neither the Registrar nor the Issuer shall have any responsibility or obligation to any Participant, any person claiming a beneficial ownership interest in the Notes under or through DTC or any Participant, or any other person which is not shown on the note register as being a registered owner of any Notes, with respect to the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Participant, with respect to the payment by DTC or any Participant of any amount with respect to the principal of or interest on the Notes, with respect to any notice which is permitted or required to be given to owners of Notes under the Resolution, with respect to the selection by DTC or any Participant of any person to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the Notes, or with respect to any consent given or other action taken by DTC as registered owner of the Notes. So long as any Note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on such Note, and shall give all notices with respect to such Note, only to Cede & Co. in accordance with DTC's Operational Arrangements, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the Issuer's obligations with respect to the principal of and interest on the Notes to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than DTC shall receive an authenticated Note for each separate stated maturity evidencing the obligation of the Issuer to make payments of principal and interest. Upon delivery by DTC to the Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the Notes will be transferable to such new nominee in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof.

(c) In the event the Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners that they be able to obtain Notes in the form of note certificates, the Issuer may notify DTC and the Registrar, whereupon DTC shall notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of Notes in the form of certificates. In such event, the Notes will be transferable in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Notes at any time by giving notice to the Issuer and the Registrar and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. In such event the Notes will be transferable in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof.

(d) The execution and delivery of the Representation Letter to DTC, if not previously filed with DTC, by the Chair or Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed.

(e) In the event that any transfer or exchange of Notes is permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) hereof, such transfer or exchange shall be accomplished upon receipt by the Registrar of the Notes to be transferred or exchanged and appropriate instruments of transfer to the permitted transferee in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution. In the event Notes in the form of certificates are issued to owners other than Cede & Co., its successor as nominee for DTC as owner of all the Notes, or another securities depository as owner of all the Notes, the provisions of the Resolution shall also apply to all matters relating thereto, including, without limitation, the printing of such Notes in the form of note certificates.

2.7 <u>Execution, Authentication and Delivery</u>. The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by the signatures of the Chair and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, provided that the signatures may be printed, engraved or lithographed facsimiles of the originals. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of any Note, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, no Note shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication on the Note has been duly executed by the manual signature of the Registrar. The executed certificate of authentication on each Note shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated, the Notes shall be delivered to the purchaser thereof (the "Purchaser") upon payment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract of sale hereinafter executed therefor, and such Purchaser shall not be obligated to see to the application of the purchase price.

2.8 <u>Form of Notes</u>. The Notes, the Registrar's Authentication Certificate, and the form of assignment shall be prepared in substantially the forms set forth in **Exhibit C** hereto.

SECTION 3. <u>USE OF PROCEEDS; CAPITAL FUND</u>. Upon payment for the Notes by the Purchaser thereof the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (i) shall deposit any accrued interest and any premium received on the sale of the Notes, directly in the Debt Service Fund established pursuant to Section 5 hereof or into a separate capital fund hereby created and to be maintained as a separate bookkeeping account of the Council to be used solely to defray expenses of the SWLRT Project, including costs of issuance of the Notes and the payment of interest on the Notes prior to the completion and payment of all costs of the SWLRT Project (the "Capital Fund"), as determined by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in consultation with the Council's municipal advisor and (ii) shall deposit the remaining proceeds of the Notes, together with any other funds appropriated during the construction of the SWLRT Project, into the Capital Fund. When the SWLRT Project is completed and the cost thereof paid, the Capital Fund is to be closed and any balance therein is to be deposited in the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 4. <u>GRANT RECEIPTS UNDER FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT</u>. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.59 and 475.522, the Council hereby determines that the estimated grants (the "Grant Receipts") remaining to be received under the Full Funding Grant Agreement with the United States of America Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration dated September 14, 2020 (the "Full Funding Grant Agreement") exceed 110% of the maximum debt service remaining due on the Notes and any other obligations payable from the same source. Additionally, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, the Council hereby pledges the Grant Receipts in an amount sufficient to pay 105% of debt service on the Notes when due.

SECTION 5. 2021B GANS DEBT SERVICE FUND. The Notes issued pursuant to this Resolution shall be payable from a separate and special 2021B GANs Debt Service Fund (the "Debt Service Fund") of the Issuer, which the Issuer agrees to maintain as a separate special bookkeeping fund until the Notes have been paid in full. There is hereby appropriated and shall be paid into the Debt Service Fund, (a) any accrued interest and any premium received on the sale of the Notes, unless deposited into the Capital Fund established pursuant to Section 3.1, as determined by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in consultation with the Council's municipal advisor, (b) on or before a principal or interest payment date, Grant Receipts in an amount sufficient, together with other funds then on hand in the Debt Service Fund, to pay 105% of the principal and interest then due on the Notes, (c) any funds appropriated by the Council for the payment of the Notes, including but not limited to, funds received from the local partners for the SWLRT Project in an amount sufficient with the Grant Receipts to pay 105% of the principal and interest on the Notes when due, (d) any taxes collected pursuant to Section 6 hereof in the event the other funds available to pay the Notes are insufficient, and (e) all investment income on the foregoing. The moneys on hand in the Debt Service Fund from time to time shall be used only to pay the principal of and interest on Notes when due. If the money in the Debt Service Fund should at any time be insufficient to pay principal and interest due on the Notes, such amounts shall be paid from other moneys on hand in other funds of the Issuer, which other funds shall be reimbursed therefor when sufficient money becomes available in the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 6. <u>GENERAL OBLIGATION PLEDGE</u>. The full faith, credit and unlimited taxing powers of the Council shall be and are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes as such payments respectively become due, and the Council covenants and agrees that if and to the extent the amounts pledged and on deposit in the Debt Service Fund are insufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Note when due, it will levy on all taxable property the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area comprised of the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota (excluding the City of Northfield), Hennepin (excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford), Ramsey, Scott (excluding the City of New Prague), and Washington, a direct, irrepealable ad valorem tax for this purpose, the collections of which shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 7. <u>DEFEASANCE</u>. When all of the Notes have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the registered owners of such Notes shall cease. The Issuer may discharge its obligations with respect to any Notes which are due on any date by depositing with the Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or, if any Note should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued from the due date to the date of such deposit. The Issuer may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Notes, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a bank qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities which are authorized by law to be so deposited, bearing interest payable at such time and at such rates and maturing or callable at the holder's option on such dates as shall be required to pay all principal and interest to become due thereon to maturity or earlier redemption date.

SECTION 8. CERTIFICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

8.1 <u>Registration of Notes</u>. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution, the Pricing Certificate and such additional certificates as may be required with the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties and to obtain from each County Auditor a certificate, prepared in substantially the form set forth in **Exhibit D** hereto, that the Notes have been duly entered upon the Auditor's note register.

8.2 <u>Authentication of Transcript</u>. The officers of the Issuer and County Auditors of the Counties specified in Section 8.1 are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Bond Counsel, certified copies of all proceedings and records relating to the Notes and such other affidavits, certificates and information as may be required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Notes, as the same appear from the books and records in their custody and control or as otherwise known to them, and all such certified copies, affidavits and certificates, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the Issuer as to the correctness of all statements contained therein.

8.3 <u>Official Statement</u>. The Council staff, in cooperation with Baker Tilly, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare on behalf of the Council an official statement (the "Official Statement") to be distributed to potential purchasers of the Notes. The Official Statement shall contain the Terms of Proposal, as set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto, and such other information as shall

be deemed advisable and necessary to describe adequately the Council and the security for, and terms and conditions thereof. The final Official Statement shall be in the form approved by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

SECTION 9. <u>TAX COVENANTS; ARBITRAGE MATTERS AND CONTINUING</u> <u>DISCLOSURE</u>.

9.1 <u>No Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations</u>. The Notes are not designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

9.2 <u>General Tax Covenant</u>. The Issuer covenants and agrees with the registered owners of the Notes that it will not take, or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents, any action which would cause the interest payable on the Notes to become subject to taxation under the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations"), and covenants to take any and all actions within its powers to ensure that the interest on the Notes will not become includable in gross income of the recipient under the Code and the Regulations. The Project financed with the proceeds of the Notes will be owned and maintained by the Issuer so long as the Notes are outstanding and will be publicly available. The Issuer will not enter into any lease, use agreement, management agreement or other agreement or contract with any non-governmental person relating to the use of the improvements which might cause the Notes to be considered "private activity bonds" or "private loan bonds" pursuant to Section 141 of the Code.

9.3 <u>Arbitrage Certification</u>. The Regional Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer are authorized and directed to execute and deliver to each Purchaser a certificate in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Code, and Section 1.148-2(b) of the Regulations, stating the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue and delivery of the Notes which make it reasonable to expect that the proceeds of the Notes will not be used in a manner that would cause the Notes to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of the Code and Regulations.

9.4 <u>Arbitrage Rebate</u>. The Issuer acknowledges that the Notes are subject to the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The Issuer covenants and agrees to retain such records, make such determinations, file such reports and documents and pay such amounts at such times as are required under said Section 148(f) and applicable Regulations to preserve the exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes, unless the Notes qualify for an exception from the rebate requirement pursuant to one of the spending exceptions set forth in Section 1.148-7 of the Regulations and no "gross proceeds" of the Notes (other than amounts constituting a "bona fide debt service fund") arise during or after the expenditure of the original proceeds thereof.

9.5 <u>Continuing Disclosure</u>. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Notes and the security therefor and to permit the original Purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Notes to comply with amendments to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12), relating to continuing disclosure (as in effect and interpreted from time to time, the "Rule"), which will enhance the marketability of the Notes, the Issuer hereby makes the covenants and agreements in **Exhibit B** hereto for the benefit of the

Owners (as defined in Exhibit B) from time to time of the outstanding Notes. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall have overall responsibility for compliance with the Undertaking of Continuing Disclosure and other similar undertakings hereafter made by the Council under Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall implement the dissemination of reports and notices thereunder. Amendments permitted by the undertakings necessitated by a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, or change in law may be made by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

SECTION 10. <u>NOTE RATINGS</u>. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer or the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer's designee, is authorized and directed to obtain ratings of the Notes from up to three nationally recognized credit rating services, to pay the reasonable and customary charges of such rating services, and to take such other action as may be required so that the Notes may be issued and sold as contemplated hereby.

SECTION 11. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 12. <u>HEADINGS</u>. Headings in this resolution are included for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

SECTION 13. <u>ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES</u>. The electronic signature of the Chair and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Recording Secretary or any of them, to this resolution and to any certificate or other document authorized to be executed hereunder shall be as valid as an original signature of such party and shall be effective to bind the Council thereto. For purposes hereof, (i) "electronic signature" means (a) a manually signed original signature that is then transmitted by electronic means or (b) a signature obtained through DocuSign or Adobe or a similarly digitally auditable signature gathering process; and (ii) "transmitted by electronic means" means sent in the form of a facsimile or sent via the internet as a portable document format ("pdf") or other replicating image attached to an electronic mail or internet message.

Adopted: March 24, 2021

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

Charles Zelle, Chair

EXHIBIT A

THE COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED BAKER TILLY MUNICIPAL ADVISORS, LLC TO NEGOTIATE THIS ISSUE ON ITS BEHALF. PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

TERMS OF PROPOSAL \$185,885,000*

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL METROPOLITAN AREA) STATE OF MINNESOTA

GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021B (BOOK ENTRY ONLY)

Proposals for the above-referenced obligations (the "Series 2021B Notes") will be received by Metropolitan Council (Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area), State of Minnesota (the "Council") on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 (the "Sale Date") until 10:00 A.M., Central Time (the "Sale Time") at the offices of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC ("Baker Tilly MA"), 380 Jackson Street, Suite 300, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55101, after which time proposals will be opened and tabulated. Consideration for award of the Series 2021B Notes will be by the Chief Financial Officer of the Council or its designee subsequent to the opening of proposals.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Baker Tilly MA will assume no liability for the inability of a bidder or its proposal to reach Baker Tilly MA prior to the Sale Time, and neither the Council nor Baker Tilly MA shall be responsible for any failure, misdirection or error in the means of transmission selected by any bidder. All bidders are advised that each proposal shall be deemed to constitute a contract between the bidder and the Council to purchase the Series 2021B Notes regardless of the manner in which the proposal is submitted.

(a) <u>Sealed Bidding</u>. Completed, signed proposals may be submitted to Baker Tilly MA by email to <u>bondservice@bakertilly.com</u> or by fax (651) 223-3046, and must be received prior to the Sale Time.

OR

(b) <u>Electronic Bidding</u>. Proposals may also be received via PARITY[®]. For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY[®] shall constitute the official time with respect to all proposals submitted to PARITY[®]. Each bidder shall be solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access PARITY[®] for purposes of submitting its electronic proposal in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Proposal. Neither the Council, its agents, nor PARITY[®] shall have any duty or obligation to undertake registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or ensure electronic access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the Council, its agents, nor PARITY[®] shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for any failure in the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of or any damages caused by the services of PARITY[®]. The Council is using the services of PARITY[®] solely as a communication mechanism to conduct the electronic bidding for the Series 2021B Notes, and PARITY[®] is not an agent of the Council.

If any provisions of this Terms of Proposal conflict with information provided by PARITY[®], this Terms of Proposal shall control. Further information about PARITY[®], including any fee charged, may be obtained from:

* Preliminary; subject to change.

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DETAILS OF THE SERIES 2021B NOTES

The Series 2021B Notes will be dated as of the date of delivery and will bear interest payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2021. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

The Series 2021B Notes will mature December 1 in the years and amounts* as follows:

2021 \$ 7,000,000 2022 \$45,175,000 2023 \$43,260,000 2024 \$44,555,000 2025 \$45,895,000

* The Council reserves the right, after proposals are opened and prior to award, to increase or reduce the principal amount of the Series 2021B Notes or the amount of any maturity or maturities in multiples of \$5,000. In the event the amount of any maturity is modified, the aggregate purchase price will be adjusted to result in the same gross spread per \$1,000 of Series 2021B Notes as that of the original proposal. Gross spread for this purpose is the differential between the price paid to the Council for the new issue and the prices at which the proposal indicates the securities will be initially offered to the investing public.

Proposals for the Series 2021B Notes may contain a maturity schedule providing for a combination of serial bonds and term bonds. All term bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption scheduled to conform to the maturity schedule set forth above. In order to designate term bonds, the proposal must specify "Years of Term Maturities" in the spaces provided on the proposal form.

BOOK ENTRY SYSTEM

The Series 2021B Notes will be issued by means of a book entry system with no physical distribution of Series 2021B Notes made to the public. The Series 2021B Notes will be issued in fully registered form and one Series 2021B Note, representing the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2021B Notes maturing in each year, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as securities depository for the Series 2021B Notes. Individual purchases of the Series 2021B Notes may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof of a single maturity through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Principal and interest are payable by the registrar to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Series 2021B Notes. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners. The lowest bidder (the "Purchaser"), as a condition of delivery of the Series 2021B Notes, will be required to deposit the Series 2021B Notes with DTC.

REGISTRAR

The Chief Financial Officer of the Council will serve as registrar for the Series 2021B Notes.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

The Series 2021B Notes will not be subject to optional redemption in advance of their respective stated maturity dates.

SECURITY AND PURPOSE

The Series 2021B Notes are general obligations of the Council for which it pledges its full faith and credit and power to levy direct general ad valorem taxes on all property in the Area without limit as to rate or amount; however, the Council does not anticipate the need to levy taxes to pay debt service on the Series 2021B Notes. The Council will pledge Federal Transit Administration grant receipts (the "Grant Receipts") to cover 105% of debt service on the Series 2021B Notes, and covenants that expected Grant Receipts will be sufficient to cover 110% of debt service on the Series 2021B Notes when due. The proceeds of the Series 2021B Notes will be used to (i) temporarily finance part of the construction of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project in anticipation of the receipt of federal grants to be received by the Council; and (ii) pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2021B Notes.

NOT BANK QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

The Council will not designate the Series 2021B Notes as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

BIDDING PARAMETERS

Proposals shall be for not less than \$193,320,400 (104%) plus accrued interest, if any, on the total principal amount of the Series 2021B Notes.

No proposal can be withdrawn or amended after the time set for receiving proposals unless award of the Series 2021B Notes is not made by the Chief Financial Officer or its designee following the opening of proposals, as designated by the Council pursuant to a resolution to be adopted on March 24, 2021 (the "Parameters Resolution"). Rates shall be in integral multiples of 1/100 or 1/8 of 1%. The initial price to the public for each maturity as stated on the proposal must be 98.0% or greater. Series 2021B Notes of the same maturity shall bear a single rate from the date of the Series 2021B Notes to the date of maturity. No conditional proposals will be accepted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE

In order to provide the Council with information necessary for compliance with Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code"), the Purchaser will be required to assist the Council in establishing the issue price of the Series 2021B Notes and shall complete, execute, and deliver to the Council prior to the closing date, a written certification in a form acceptable to the Purchaser, the Council, and Bond Counsel (the "Issue Price Certificate") containing the following for each maturity of the Series 2021B Notes (and, if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity): (i) the interest rate; (ii) the reasonably expected initial offering price to the "public" (as said term is defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f) (the "Regulation")) or the sale price; and (iii) pricing wires or equivalent communications supporting such offering or sale price. Any action to be taken or documentation to be received by the Council pursuant hereto may be taken or received on behalf of the Council by Baker Tilly MA.

The Council intends that the sale of the Series 2021B Notes pursuant to this Terms of Proposal shall constitute a "competitive sale" as defined in the Regulation based on the following:

(i) the Council shall cause this Terms of Proposal to be disseminated to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;

(ii) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to submit a bid;

(iii) the Council reasonably expects that it will receive bids from at least three bidders that have established industry reputations for underwriting municipal bonds such as the Series 2021B Notes; and

(iv) the Council anticipates awarding the sale of the Series 2021B Notes to the bidder who provides a proposal with the lowest true interest cost, as set forth in this Terms of Proposal (See "AWARD" herein).

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Terms of Proposal shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Series 2021B Notes, as specified in the proposal. The Purchaser shall constitute an "underwriter" as said term is defined in the Regulation. By submitting its proposal, the Purchaser confirms that it shall require any agreement among underwriters, a selling group agreement, or other agreement to which it is a party relating to the initial sale of the Series 2021B Notes, to include provisions requiring compliance with the provisions of the Code and the Regulation regarding the initial sale of the Series 2021B Notes. If all of the requirements of a "competitive sale" are not satisfied, the Council shall advise the Purchaser of such

fact prior to the time of award of the sale of the Series 2021B Notes to the Purchaser. In such event, any proposal submitted will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the notice of award of the sale of the Series 2021B Notes, the Purchaser shall advise the Council and Baker Tilly MA if 10% of any maturity of the Series 2021B Notes (and, if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity) has been sold to the public and the price at which it was sold. The Council will treat such sale price as the "issue price" for such maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The Council will not require the Purchaser to comply with that portion of the Regulation commonly described as the "hold-the-offering-price" requirement for the remaining maturities, but the Purchaser may elect such option. If the Purchaser exercises such option, the Council will apply the initial offering price to the public provided in the proposal as the issue price for such maturities. If the Purchaser does not exercise that option, it shall thereafter promptly provide the Council and Baker Tilly MA the prices at which 10% of such maturities are sold to the public; provided such determination shall be made and the Council and Baker Tilly MA notified of such prices whether or not the closing date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Series 2021B Notes of a maturity have been sold.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT

To have its proposal considered for award, the Purchaser is required to submit a good faith deposit via wire transfer to the Council in the amount of \$1,858,850 (the "Deposit") no later than 2:00 P.M., Central Time on the Sale Date. The Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the timely delivery of its Deposit, and neither the Council nor Baker Tilly MA have any liability for delays in the receipt of the Deposit. If the Deposit is not received by the specified time, the Council may, at its sole discretion, reject the proposal of the lowest bidder, direct the second lowest bidder to submit a Deposit, and thereafter award the sale to such bidder.

A Deposit will be considered timely delivered to the Council upon submission of a federal wire reference number by the specified time. Wire transfer instructions will be available from Baker Tilly MA following the receipt and tabulation of proposals. The successful bidder must send an e-mail including the following information: (i) the federal reference number and time released; (ii) the amount of the wire transfer; and (iii) the issue to which it applies.

Once an award has been made, the Deposit received from the Purchaser will be retained by the Council and no interest will accrue to the Purchaser. The amount of the Deposit will be deducted at settlement from the purchase price. In the event the Purchaser fails to comply with the accepted proposal, said amount will be retained by the Council.

AWARD

The Series 2021B Notes will be awarded on the basis of the lowest interest rate to be determined on a true interest cost (TIC) basis calculated on the proposal prior to any adjustment made by the Council. The Council's computation of the interest rate of each proposal, in accordance with customary practice, will be controlling.

The Council will reserve the right to: (i) waive non-substantive informalities of any proposal or of matters relating to the receipt of proposals and award of the Series 2021B Notes, (ii) reject all proposals without cause, and (iii) reject any proposal that the Council determines to have failed to comply with the terms herein.

CUSIP NUMBERS

If the Series 2021B Notes qualify for the assignment of CUSIP numbers such numbers will be printed on the Series 2021B Notes; however, neither the failure to print such numbers on any Series 2021B Note nor any error with respect thereto will constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Series 2021B Notes. Baker Tilly MA will apply for CUSIP numbers pursuant to Rule G-34

implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers shall be paid by the Purchaser.

SETTLEMENT

On or about May 5, 2021, the Series 2021B Notes will be delivered without cost to the Purchaser through DTC in New York, New York. Delivery will be subject to receipt by the Purchaser of an approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and of customary closing papers, including a no-litigation certificate. On the date of settlement, payment for the Series 2021B Notes shall be made in federal, or equivalent, funds that shall be received at the offices of the Council or its designee not later than 12:00 Noon, Central Time. Unless compliance with the terms of payment for the Series 2021B Notes has been made impossible by action of the Council, or its agents, the Purchaser shall be liable to the Council for any loss suffered by the Council by reason of the Purchaser's non-compliance with said terms for payment.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with SEC Rule $15c_{2-12}(b)(5)$, the Council will undertake, pursuant to the Parameters Resolution, to provide annual reports and notices of certain events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Official Statement. The Purchaser's obligation to purchase the Series 2021B Notes will be conditioned upon receiving evidence of this undertaking at or prior to delivery of the Series 2021B Notes.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Council has authorized the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement containing pertinent information relative to the Series 2021B Notes, and said Preliminary Official Statement has been deemed final by the Council as of the date thereof within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. For an electronic copy of the Preliminary Official Statement or for any additional information prior to sale, any prospective purchaser is referred to the Municipal Advisor to the Council, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, by telephone (651) 223-3000, or by email bondservice@bakertilly.com. The Preliminary Official Statement will also be made available at https://connect.bakertilly.com/bond-sales-calendar.

A Final Official Statement (as that term is defined in Rule 15c2-12) will be prepared, specifying the maturity dates, principal amounts, and interest rates of the Series 2021B Notes, together with any other information required by law. By awarding the Series 2021B Notes to the Purchaser, the Council agrees that, no more than seven business days after the date of such award, it shall provide to the Purchaser an electronic copy of the Final Official Statement. The Council designates the Purchaser as its agent for purposes of distributing the Final Official Statement to each syndicate member, if applicable. The Purchaser agrees that if its proposal is accepted by the Council, (i) it shall accept designation and (ii) it shall enter into a contractual relationship with its syndicate members for purposes of assuring the receipt of the Final Official Statement.

Dated March 24, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

/s/ Mary Bogie Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT B

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

(a) Purpose and Beneficiaries. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Notes and the security therefor and to permit the original purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Notes to comply with amendments to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12), relating to continuing disclosure (as in effect and interpreted from time to time, the Rule), which will enhance the marketability of the Notes, the Issuer hereby makes the following covenants and agreements for the benefit of the Owners (as hereinafter defined) from time to time of the outstanding Notes. The Issuer is the only "obligated person" in respect of the Notes within the meaning of the Rule for purposes of identifying the entities in respect of which continuing disclosure must be made. If the Issuer fails to comply with any provisions of this section, any person aggrieved thereby, including the Owners of any outstanding Notes, may take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or appropriate to enforce performance and observance of any agreement or covenant contained in this section, including an action for a writ of mandamus or specific performance. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable for any default hereunder to the extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event shall a default under this section constitute a default under the Notes or under any other provision of this resolution. As used in this section, "Owner" means, in respect of a Note, the registered owner or owners thereof appearing in the Note register maintained by the Registrar or any "Beneficial Owner" (as hereinafter defined) thereof, if such Beneficial Owner provides to the Registrar evidence of such beneficial ownership in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Registrar. As used herein, "Beneficial Owner" means, in respect of any Note, any person or entity which (i) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, such Note (including persons or entities holding Notes through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (ii) is treated as the owner of the Note for federal income tax purposes.

(b) <u>Information To Be Disclosed</u>. The Issuer will provide, in the manner set forth in subsection (c) hereof, either directly or indirectly through an agent designated by the Issuer, the following information at the following times:

(1) Within 9 months after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, the following financial information and operating data in respect of the Issuer (the Disclosure Information):

(A) the audited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year, accompanied by the audit report and opinion of the accountant or government auditor relating thereto, as permitted or required by the laws of the State of Minnesota, containing balance sheets as of the end of such fiscal year and a statement of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, showing in comparative form such figures for the preceding fiscal year of the Issuer, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles provided under Minnesota law, as in effect from time to time, or, if and to the extent such financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with such generally accepted accounting principles for reasons beyond the reasonable control of the Issuer, noting the discrepancies therefrom and the effect thereof, and certified as to accuracy and completeness in all material respects by the fiscal officer of the Issuer; and

(B) to the extent not included in the financial statements referred to in paragraph (A) hereof, the information for such fiscal year or for the period most recently available of the type contained in the Official Statement under headings: "Indebtedness of the Council and Its Agencies," "Council Property Values" and "Council Financial Information," which information may be unaudited.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, if the audited financial statements are not available by the date specified, the Issuer shall provide on or before such date unaudited financial statements in the format required for the audited financial statements as part of the Disclosure Information and, within 10 days after the receipt thereof, the Issuer shall provide the audited financial statements. Any or all of the Disclosure Information may be incorporated by reference, if it is updated as required hereby, from other documents, including official statements, that have been filed with the SEC or have been made available to the public on the Internet Web site of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the MSRB). The Issuer shall clearly identify in the Disclosure Information each document so incorporated by reference. If any part of the Disclosure Information can no longer be generated because the operations of the Issuer have materially changed or been discontinued, such Disclosure Information need no longer be provided if the Issuer includes in the Disclosure Information a statement to such effect; provided, however, if such operations have been replaced by other Issuer operations in respect of which data is not included in the Disclosure Information and the Issuer determines that certain specified data regarding such replacement operations would be a Material Fact (as defined in paragraph (3) hereof), then, from and after such determination, the Disclosure Information shall include such additional specified data regarding the replacement operations. If the Disclosure Information is changed or this section is amended as permitted by this paragraph (b)(1), then the Issuer shall include in the next Disclosure Information to be delivered hereunder, to the extent necessary, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect of any change in the type of financial information or operating data provided.

(2) In a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events (each a "Material Fact"):

- (A) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (B) Non-payment related defaults, if material;

(C) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

(D) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

(E) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

(F) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;

(G) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;

(H) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;

(I) Defeasances;

(J) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material; and

(K) Rating changes;

(L) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;

(M) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

(N) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;

(O) Failure of an issuer or obligated person to provide annual financial information as required;

(P) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and

(Q) Default, event of acceleration termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

As used herein, a "Material Fact" is a fact as to which a substantial likelihood exists that a reasonably prudent investor would attach importance thereto in deciding to buy, hold or sell a Note or, if not disclosed, would significantly alter the total information otherwise available to an investor from the Official Statement, information disclosed hereunder or information generally available to the public. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a "Material Fact" is also an event that would be deemed "material" for purposes of the purchase, holding or sale of a Note within the meaning of applicable federal securities laws, as interpreted at the time of discovery of the occurrence of the event.

As used herein, a "Financial Obligation" means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a Financial Obligation as described in clause (a) or (b). The term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal

securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

(3) In a timely manner, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events or conditions:

(A) the failure of the Issuer to provide the Disclosure Information required under paragraph (b)(1) at the time specified thereunder;

(B) the amendment or supplementing of this section pursuant to subsection (d), together with a copy of such amendment or supplement and any explanation provided by the Issuer under subsection (d)(2);

(C) the termination of the obligations of the Issuer under this section pursuant to subsection (d);

(D) any change in the accounting principles pursuant to which the financial statements constituting a portion of the Disclosure Information or the audited financial statements, if any, furnished pursuant to subsection (b)(2) or (3) are prepared; and

(E) any change in the fiscal year of the Issuer.

(c) <u>Manner of Disclosure</u>.

(1) The Issuer agrees to make available to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time, the information described in subsection (b).

(2) The Issuer further agrees to make available, by electronic transmission, overnight delivery, mail or other means, as appropriate, the information described in subsection (b) to any rating agency then maintaining a rating of the Notes at the request of the Issuer and, at the expense of such Owner, to any Owner who requests in writing such information, at the time of transmission under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c), or, if such information is transmitted with a subsequent time of release, at the time such information is to be released.

(3) All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this subsection (c) shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time.

(d) <u>Term; Amendments; Interpretation</u>.

(1) The covenants of the Issuer in this section shall remain in effect so long as any Notes are outstanding. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, however, the obligations of the Issuer under this section shall terminate and be without further effect as of any date on which the Issuer delivers to the Registrar an opinion of Issuer's current Bond Counsel to the effect that, because of legislative action or final judicial or administrative actions or proceedings, the failure of the Issuer to comply with the requirements of this section will not cause participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Notes to be in violation of the Rule or other applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any statutes or laws successory thereto or amendatory thereof.

(2)This section (and the form and requirements of the Disclosure Information) may be amended or supplemented by the Issuer from time to time, without notice to (except as provided in paragraph (c)(3) hereof) or the consent of the Owners of any Notes, by a resolution of this Council filed in the office of the recording officer of the Issuer accompanied by an opinion of Issuer's current Bond Counsel, who may rely on certificates of the Issuer and others and the opinion may be subject to customary qualifications, to the effect that: (i) such amendment or supplement (a) is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in law or regulation or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer or the type of operations conducted by the Issuer, or (b) is required by, or better complies with, the provisions of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule; (ii) this section as so amended or supplemented would have complied with the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Notes, giving effect to any change in circumstances applicable under clause (i)(a) and assuming that the Rule as in effect and interpreted at the time of the amendment or supplement was in effect at the time of the primary offering; and (iii) such amendment or supplement does not materially impair the interests of the Owners under the Rule.

If the Disclosure Information is so amended, the Issuer agrees to provide, contemporaneously with the effectiveness of such amendment, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect, if any, of the change in the type of financial information or operating data being provided hereunder.

(3) This section is entered into to comply with the continuing disclosure provisions of the Rule and should be construed so as to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule.

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF NOTES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MINNESOTA ANOKA, CARVER, DAKOTA, HENNEPIN, RAMSEY, SCOTT AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL METROPOLITAN AREA) GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATON NOTE, SERIES 2021B

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REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO. **PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:**

DOLLARS

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, a public corporation having jurisdiction over the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area comprising the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota (excluding the City of Northfield), Hennepin (excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford), Ramsey, Scott (excluding the City of New Prague), and Washington, Minnesota (the "Issuer"), acknowledges itself to be indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above on the maturity date specified above and promises to pay interest thereon from the date of original issue specified above or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (as hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, at the annual rate specified above, on 1 and 1 in each year, commencing ______ 1, 20 __ (each such date, an "Interest Payment Date"). The interest so payable on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the person in whose name this Note is registered at the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Interest hereon shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months. The interest hereon and, upon presentation and surrender hereof, the principal hereof are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by wire transfer, check or draft by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council, Minnesota, as Registrar and Paying Agent, or its designated successor under the Resolution (as hereinafter defined) (the "Registrar"). For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due, the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the Issuer have been and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This Note is one of an issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$_______ issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Council on March 24, 2021 (the "Resolution"), to temporarily finance a portion of the construction costs of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Project No. MN-2020-047-00) pending the receipt of federal grants, and is issued pursuant to and in full conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota thereunto enabling, including Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.39 and 475.522 and Chapter 475. The Notes are issuable only in fully registered form, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, of single maturities.

The Notes maturing on ______1, 202___ and thereafter are each subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the Issuer, in whole or in part, and if in part in such manner and order of maturity dates as the Issuer may select and by lot as selected by Registrar (or, if applicable, by the bond depository in accordance with its customary procedures) in multiples of \$5,000 as to Notes maturing on the same date, on ______ 1, 202__, and on any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

As provided in the Resolution and subject to certain limitations set forth therein, this Note is transferable upon the books of the Issuer at the principal office of the Registrar, by the registered owner hereof in person or by the owner's attorney duly authorized in writing upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or the owner's attorney; and may also be surrendered in exchange for Notes of other authorized denominations. Upon such transfer or exchange the Issuer will cause a new Note or Notes to be issued in the name of the transferee or registered owner, of the same aggregate principal amount, bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date, subject to reimbursement for any tax, fee or governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

The Issuer and the Registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof, whether this Note is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, and neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Note, so long as this Note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, or in the name of any other nominee of The Depository Trust Company or other securities depository, the Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on this Note, and shall give all notices with respect to this Note, only to Cede & Co. or other nominee in accordance with the operational arrangements of The Depository Trust Company or other securities depository as agreed to by the Issuer.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED, COVENANTED AND AGREED that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota to be done, to exist, to happen and to be performed preliminary to and in the issuance of this Note in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the Issuer in accordance with its terms, have been done, do exist, have happened and have been performed as so required; and that if necessary for the payment of such principal and interest when due, ad valorem taxes are required to be levied upon all property taxable by the Issuer, without limitation as to rate or amount.

This Note shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Resolution until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been executed by the manual signature of the Registrar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Note to be executed on its behalf by the facsimile signatures of the Chair and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, MINNESOTA

(Facsimile Signature Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer)

(Facsimile Signature Chair)

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes delivered pursuant to the Resolution mentioned within.

Date of Authentication: , 2021

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/TREASURER, METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, MINNESOTA, as Registrar

By____

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Note, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to the applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM –as tenants in common

UTMA.....as Custodian for..... (Cust) (Minor) under Uniform Transfers to Minors Act..... (State)

TEN ENT –as tenants by the entireties

JT TEN --as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

Additional abbreviations may also be used.

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

attorney to transfer the said Note on the books kept for registration of the within Note, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in STAMP or such other signature guaranty program as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to or in substitution for STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Please insert social security or other identifying number of assignee:

[End of Series 2021BNote Form]

EXHIBIT D

ANOKA COUNTY MANAGER OF PROPERTY RECORDS <u>AND TAXATION CERTIFICATE</u> <u>AS TO REGISTRATION</u>

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Manager of Property Records and Taxation of Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

Manager of Property Records and Taxation Anoka County, Minnesota

(SEAL)

Deputy

CARVER COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Carver County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)

DAKOTA COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY TAXATION AND RECORDS CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Director of Property Taxation and Records of Dakota County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

Director of Property Taxation and Records Dakota County, Minnesota

(SEAL)

Deputy

WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Washington County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B dated as of _______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)

RAMSEY COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Ramsey County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)

HENNEPIN COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Taxpayer Services Division Manager of Hennepin County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

Taxpayer Services Division Manager Hennepin County, Minnesota

(SEAL)

Deputy

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Scott County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATION OF EXTRACT FROM MINUTES RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021C

Issuer: Metropolitan Council, Minnesota

Governing Body: Council Members

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 4:00 o'clock P.M., by teleconference in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Documents Attached:

Extract of minutes of said meeting including:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08 TO ISSUE AND SELL GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021C, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Metropolitan Council, the public corporation issuing the Notes referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been extracted; that said documents are correct and accurate copies of the resolution and related documents approved by the Council at its regular meeting held on March 24, 2021, so far as they relate to said Notes; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such Recording Secretary on _____, 2021

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

After some discussion, Council Member ______ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08 TO ISSUE AND SELL GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021C, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOFAND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Council

Member , and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor

thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following were absent for the vote:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chair

whose signature was attested by the Recording Secretary.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

TO ISSUE AND SELL GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021C, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council (the "Council" or the "Issuer"), as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION AND SALE.

1.1 <u>Authorization and Purpose</u>. This Council determines that it is necessary to sell and issue its tax-exempt General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C (the "Notes" or the "Series 2021C Notes") as provided in the Terms of Proposal referred to in Section 1.2 hereof, subject to adjustment as provided herein, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.39 and 475.522 and Chapter 475, to temporarily finance a portion of the construction costs of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Project No. MN-2020-047-00) (the "SWLRT Project") in anticipation of the receipt of federal grants to be received by the Council, as prescribed in the Council's SWLRT Cash Flow Financing Plan approved by the Council on November 4, 2020.

Terms of Note Sale; Notices. The Council has retained Baker Tilly Municipal 1.2 Advisors LLC, St. Paul, Minnesota ("Baker Tilly") as independent municipal advisor, and, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, subdivision 2, paragraph 9, Baker Tilly is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Notes on behalf of the Council on a competitive basis without requirement of published notice. The terms of the Notes and the sale thereof shall be substantially as set forth in the Terms of Proposal attached as Exhibit A hereto, which are hereby approved. The Council hereby determines to sell the Notes in accordance with the procedures set forth in Exhibit A. The specifications set forth in Exhibit A may be revised by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in consultation with Baker Tilly, provided that the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2021C Notes authorized and issued hereunder, combined with the Council's General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B (the "Series 2021B Notes"), shall not exceed \$436,500,000 plus the amount of any premium paid with respect thereto. The Council hereby delegates to the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Chief Financial Officer's designee, authority to consider the proposals and award the sale not later than 90 days from the date hereof based upon the best proposal, provided that the true interest cost of the Notes shall not exceed 2.50%, all as set forth in a certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (the "Pricing Certificate").

1.3. <u>Combined Maturities</u>. As provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.54, subdivision 2, the maturity schedule of the Notes shall be combined with the maturity schedule of the Council's Series 2021B Notes, which combined maturities conform to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.54, subdivision 1.

SECTION 2. NOTE TERMS; REGISTRATION; EXECUTION AND DELIVERY.

2.1 <u>Maturities; Interest Rates; Denominations and Payment</u>. The Notes shall be originally dated as of the date of delivery, shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any

integral multiple thereof, shall mature on December 1 on the dates in the respective years and amounts stated in the Terms of Proposal, as may be modified in the Pricing Certificate, and shall bear interest from date of issue until paid at the respective annual rates established pursuant to Section 1.2 hereof and set forth in the Pricing Certificate.

The Notes shall be issuable only in fully registered form. The interest thereon and, upon surrender of each Note, the principal amount thereof shall be payable by wire transfer, check or draft issued by the Registrar described herein; provided that, so long as the Notes are registered in the name of a securities depository, or a nominee thereof, in accordance with Section 2.6, principal and interest shall be payable in accordance with the operational arrangements of the securities depository.

2.2 <u>Dates and Interest Payment Dates</u>. Upon initial delivery of the Notes pursuant to Section 2.7 hereof, and upon any subsequent transfer or exchange pursuant to Section 2.5, the date of authentication shall be noted on each Note so delivered, exchanged or transferred. Interest on the Notes shall be payable on June 1 and December 1 on the dates determined by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Chief Financial Officer's designee, and set forth in the Pricing Certificate, to the owner of record thereof as of the close of business on the 15th day of the immediately preceding month, whether or not such day is a business day.

2.3 <u>Redemption</u>. Prospective proposers may designate any portion of the principal of the Notes to be combined within one or more term Notes subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The Notes shall be subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity at the option of the Council in such order of maturity as the Council may determine on the dates, at the prices, and for the maturities as provided in **Exhibit A** hereto, as may be modified in the Pricing Certificate. In the event any of the Notes are called for redemption, written notice thereof identifying the Notes to be redeemed will be given by the Registrar by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid), in accordance with the requirements of DTC, to the registered owner of each Note to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Registrar and by publishing the notice if required by law. Failure to give notice by publication or by mail to any registered owner, or any defect therein, will not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption date, provided that the funds for the redemption are on deposit with the place of payment at that time.

2.4 <u>Appointment of Initial Registrar</u>. The Issuer hereby appoints the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Council, in St. Paul, Minnesota, as the initial Note registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (the "Registrar"). The Issuer reserves the right to change the Registrar upon 30 days' notice and upon the appointment of a successor Registrar, in which event the predecessor Registrar shall deliver all cash and Notes in its possession to the successor Registrar and shall deliver the note register to the successor Registrar.

2.5 <u>Registration</u>. The effect of registration and the rights and duties of the Issuer and the Registrar with respect thereto are as follows:

(a) <u>Register</u>. The Registrar shall keep at its office a note register in which the Registrar shall provide for the registration of ownership of Notes and the registration of transfers and exchanges of Notes entitled to be registered, transferred or exchanged.

(b) <u>Transfer of Notes</u>. Upon surrender for transfer of any Note duly endorsed by the registered owner thereof or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner thereof or by an attorney duly authorized by the registered owner in writing, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes, aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the transferor. The Registrar may, however, close the books for registration of any transfer after the fifteenth day of the month preceding each interest payment date and until such interest payment date.

(c) <u>Exchange of Notes</u>. Whenever any Notes are surrendered by the registered owner for exchange the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver one or more new Notes, aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the registered owner or the owner's attorney in writing.

(d) <u>Cancellation</u>. All Notes surrendered upon any transfer or exchange shall be promptly canceled by the Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the Issuer.

(e) <u>Improper or Unauthorized Transfer</u>. When any Note is presented to the Registrar for transfer, the Registrar may refuse to transfer the same until it is satisfied that the endorsement on such Note or separate instrument of transfer is valid and genuine and that the requested transfer is legally authorized. The Registrar shall incur no liability for the refusal, in good faith, to make transfers which it, in its judgment, deems improper or unauthorized.

(f) <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>. The Issuer and the Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Note is at any time registered in the note register as the absolute owner of such Note, whether such Note shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of and interest on such Note and for all other purposes, and all such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon the owner's order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

(g) <u>Taxes, Fees and Charges</u>. For every transfer or exchange of Notes, the Registrar may impose a charge upon the owner thereof sufficient to reimburse the Registrar for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

(h) <u>Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Notes</u>. In case any Note shall become mutilated or be destroyed, stolen or lost, the Registrar shall deliver a new Note, amount, number, maturity date and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of any such mutilated Note or in lieu of and in substitution for any such Note destroyed, stolen or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Registrar in connection therewith; and, in the case of a Note destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar of evidence satisfactory to it that such Note was destroyed, stolen or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Registrar of an appropriate note or indemnity in form, substance and amount

satisfactory to it, in which both the Issuer and the Registrar shall be named as obligees. All Notes so surrendered to the Registrar shall be canceled by it and evidence of such cancellation shall be given to the Issuer. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost Note has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms it shall not be necessary to issue a new Note prior to payment.

(i) <u>Authenticating Agent</u>. The Registrar is hereby designated authenticating agent for the Notes, within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.55, Subdivision 1, as amended.

2.6 <u>Securities Depository</u>.

(a) For purposes of this Section 2.6, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean, whenever used with respect to a Note, the person in whose name such Note is recorded as the beneficial owner of such Note by a Participant on the records of such Participant, or such person's subrogee.

"Cede & Co." shall mean Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to the Notes.

"DTC" shall mean The Depository Trust Company of New York, New York.

"Participant" shall mean any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which DTC holds Notes as securities depository.

"Representation Letter" shall mean the Representation Letter pursuant to which the sender agrees to comply with DTC's Operational Arrangements.

The Notes shall be initially issued as separately authenticated fully registered notes, (b)and one Note shall be issued in the principal amount of each stated maturity of the Notes. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of such Notes shall be registered in the note register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Registrar and the Issuer may treat DTC (or its nominee) as the sole and exclusive owner of the Notes registered in its name for the purposes of payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes, selecting the Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed, if any, giving any notice permitted or required to be given to registered owners of Notes under the Resolution, registering the transfer of Notes, and for all other purposes whatsoever; and neither the Registrar nor the Issuer shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. Neither the Registrar nor the Issuer shall have any responsibility or obligation to any Participant, any person claiming a beneficial ownership interest in the Notes under or through DTC or any Participant, or any other person which is not shown on the note register as being a registered owner of any Notes, with respect to the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Participant, with respect to the payment by DTC or any Participant of any amount with respect to the principal of or interest on the Notes, with respect to any notice which is permitted or required to be given to owners of Notes under the Resolution, with respect to the selection by DTC or any Participant of any person to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the Notes, or with respect to any consent given or other action taken by DTC as registered owner of the Notes. So long as any Note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on such Note, and shall give all notices with respect to such Note, only to Cede & Co. in accordance with DTC's Operational Arrangements, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the Issuer's obligations with respect to the principal of and interest on the Notes to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than DTC shall receive an authenticated Note for each separate stated maturity evidencing the obligation of the Issuer to make payments of principal and interest. Upon delivery by DTC to the Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the Notes will be transferable to such new nominee in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof.

(c) In the event the Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners that they be able to obtain Notes in the form of note certificates, the Issuer may notify DTC and the Registrar, whereupon DTC shall notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of Notes in the form of certificates. In such event, the Notes will be transferable in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Notes at any time by giving notice to the Issuer and the Registrar and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. In such event the Notes will be transferable in accordance with paragraph (e) hereof.

(d) The execution and delivery of the Representation Letter to DTC, if not previously filed with DTC, by the Chair or Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed.

(e) In the event that any transfer or exchange of Notes is permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) hereof, such transfer or exchange shall be accomplished upon receipt by the Registrar of the Notes to be transferred or exchanged and appropriate instruments of transfer to the permitted transferee in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution. In the event Notes in the form of certificates are issued to owners other than Cede & Co., its successor as nominee for DTC as owner of all the Notes, or another securities depository as owner of all the Notes, the provisions of the Resolution shall also apply to all matters relating thereto, including, without limitation, the printing of such Notes in the form of note certificates.

2.7 <u>Execution, Authentication and Delivery</u>. The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by the signatures of the Chair and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, provided that the signatures may be printed, engraved or lithographed facsimiles of the originals. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of any Note, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, no Note shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication on the Note has been duly executed by the manual signature of the Registrar. The executed certificate of authentication on each Note shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated, the Notes shall be delivered to the purchaser thereof (the "Purchaser") upon payment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract of sale hereinafter executed therefor, and such Purchaser shall not be obligated to see to the application of the purchase price.

2.8 <u>Form of Notes</u>. The Notes, the Registrar's Authentication Certificate, and the form of assignment shall be prepared in substantially the forms set forth in **Exhibit C** hereto.

SECTION 3. <u>USE OF PROCEEDS; CAPITAL FUND</u>. Upon payment for the Notes by the Purchaser thereof the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (i) shall deposit any accrued interest and any premium received on the sale of the Notes, directly in the Debt Service Fund established pursuant to Section 5 hereof or into a separate capital fund hereby created and to be maintained as a separate bookkeeping account of the Council to be used solely to defray expenses of the SWLRT Project, including costs of issuance of the Notes and the payment of interest on the Notes prior to the completion and payment of all costs of the SWLRT Project (the "Capital Fund"), as determined by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in consultation with the Council's municipal advisor and (ii) shall deposit the remaining proceeds of the Notes, together with any other funds appropriated during the construction of the SWLRT Project, into the Capital Fund. When the SWLRT Project is completed and the cost thereof paid, the Capital Fund is to be closed and any balance therein is to be deposited in the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 4. <u>GRANT RECEIPTS UNDER FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT</u>. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.59 and 475.522, the Council hereby determines that the estimated grants (the "Grant Receipts") remaining to be received under the Full Funding Grant Agreement with the United States of America Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration dated September 14, 2020 (the "Full Funding Grant Agreement") exceed 110% of the maximum debt service remaining due on the Notes and any other obligations payable from the same source. Additionally, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, the Council hereby pledges the Grant Receipts in an amount sufficient to pay 105% of debt service on the Notes when due.

SECTION 5. 2021C GANS DEBT SERVICE FUND. The Notes issued pursuant to this Resolution shall be payable from a separate and special 2021C GANs Debt Service Fund (the "Debt Service Fund") of the Issuer, which the Issuer agrees to maintain as a separate special bookkeeping fund until the Notes have been paid in full. There is hereby appropriated and shall be paid into the Debt Service Fund, (a) any accrued interest and any premium received on the sale of the Notes, unless deposited into the Capital Fund established pursuant to Section 3.1, as determined by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in consultation with the Council's municipal advisor, (b) on or before a principal or interest payment date, Grant Receipts in an amount sufficient, together with other funds then on hand in the Debt Service Fund, to pay 105% of the principal and interest then due on the Notes, (c) any funds appropriated by the Council for the payment of the Notes, including but not limited to, funds received from the local partners for the SWLRT Project in an amount sufficient with the Grant Receipts to pay 105% of the principal and interest on the Notes when due, (d) any taxes collected pursuant to Section 6 hereof in the event the other funds available to pay the Notes are insufficient, and (e) all investment income on the foregoing. The moneys on hand in the Debt Service Fund from time to time shall be used only to pay the principal of and interest on Notes when due. If the money in the Debt Service Fund should at any time be insufficient to pay principal and interest due on the Notes, such amounts shall be paid from other moneys on hand in other funds of the Issuer, which other funds shall be reimbursed therefor when sufficient money becomes available in the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 6. <u>GENERAL OBLIGATION PLEDGE</u>. The full faith, credit and unlimited taxing powers of the Council shall be and are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes as such payments respectively become due, and the Council covenants and agrees that if and to the extent the amounts pledged and on deposit in the Debt Service Fund are insufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Note when due, it will levy on all taxable property the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area comprised of the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota (excluding the City of Northfield), Hennepin (excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford), Ramsey, Scott (excluding the City of New Prague), and Washington, a direct, irrepealable ad valorem tax for this purpose, the collections of which shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 7. <u>DEFEASANCE</u>. When all of the Notes have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the registered owners of such Notes shall cease. The Issuer may discharge its obligations with respect to any Notes which are due on any date by depositing with the Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or, if any Note should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued from the due date to the date of such deposit. The Issuer may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Notes, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a bank qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities which are authorized by law to be so deposited, bearing interest payable at such time and at such rates and maturing or callable at the holder's option on such dates as shall be required to pay all principal and interest to become due thereon to maturity or earlier redemption date.

SECTION 8. CERTIFICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

8.1 <u>Registration of Notes</u>. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution, the Pricing Certificate and such additional certificates as may be required with the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties and to obtain from each County Auditor a certificate, prepared in substantially the form set forth in **Exhibit D** hereto, that the Notes have been duly entered upon the Auditor's note register.

8.2 <u>Authentication of Transcript</u>. The officers of the Issuer and County Auditors of the Counties specified in Section 8.1 are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Bond Counsel, certified copies of all proceedings and records relating to the Notes and such other affidavits, certificates and information as may be required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Notes, as the same appear from the books and records in their custody and control or as otherwise known to them, and all such certified copies, affidavits and certificates, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the Issuer as to the correctness of all statements contained therein.

8.3 <u>Official Statement</u>. The Council staff, in cooperation with Baker Tilly, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare on behalf of the Council an official statement (the "Official Statement") to be distributed to potential purchasers of the Notes. The Official Statement shall contain the Terms of Proposal, as set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto, and such other information as shall

be deemed advisable and necessary to describe adequately the Council and the security for, and terms and conditions thereof. The final Official Statement shall be in the form approved by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

SECTION 9. <u>TAX COVENANTS; ARBITRAGE MATTERS AND CONTINUING</u> <u>DISCLOSURE</u>.

9.1 <u>No Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations</u>. The Notes are not designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

9.2 <u>General Tax Covenant</u>. The Issuer covenants and agrees with the registered owners of the Notes that it will not take, or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents, any action which would cause the interest payable on the Notes to become subject to taxation under the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations"), and covenants to take any and all actions within its powers to ensure that the interest on the Notes will not become includable in gross income of the recipient under the Code and the Regulations. The Project financed with the proceeds of the Notes will be owned and maintained by the Issuer so long as the Notes are outstanding and will be publicly available. The Issuer will not enter into any lease, use agreement, management agreement or other agreement or contract with any non-governmental person relating to the use of the improvements which might cause the Notes to be considered "private activity bonds" or "private loan bonds" pursuant to Section 141 of the Code.

9.3 <u>Arbitrage Certification</u>. The Regional Administrator and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer are authorized and directed to execute and deliver to each Purchaser a certificate in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Code, and Section 1.148-2(b) of the Regulations, stating the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issue and delivery of the Notes which make it reasonable to expect that the proceeds of the Notes will not be used in a manner that would cause the Notes to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of the Code and Regulations.

9.4 <u>Arbitrage Rebate</u>. The Issuer acknowledges that the Notes are subject to the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The Issuer covenants and agrees to retain such records, make such determinations, file such reports and documents and pay such amounts at such times as are required under said Section 148(f) and applicable Regulations to preserve the exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes, unless the Notes qualify for an exception from the rebate requirement pursuant to one of the spending exceptions set forth in Section 1.148-7 of the Regulations and no "gross proceeds" of the Notes (other than amounts constituting a "bona fide debt service fund") arise during or after the expenditure of the original proceeds thereof.

9.5 <u>Continuing Disclosure</u>. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Notes and the security therefor and to permit the original Purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Notes to comply with amendments to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12), relating to continuing disclosure (as in effect and interpreted from time to time, the "Rule"), which will enhance the marketability of the Notes, the Issuer hereby makes the covenants and agreements in **Exhibit B** hereto for the benefit of the

Owners (as defined in Exhibit B) from time to time of the outstanding Notes. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall have overall responsibility for compliance with the Undertaking of Continuing Disclosure and other similar undertakings hereafter made by the Council under Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall implement the dissemination of reports and notices thereunder. Amendments permitted by the undertakings necessitated by a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, or change in law may be made by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

SECTION 10. <u>NOTE RATINGS</u>. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer or the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer's designee, is authorized and directed to obtain ratings of the Notes from up to three nationally recognized credit rating services, to pay the reasonable and customary charges of such rating services, and to take such other action as may be required so that the Notes may be issued and sold as contemplated hereby.

SECTION 11. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 12. <u>HEADINGS</u>. Headings in this resolution are included for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

SECTION 13. <u>ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES</u>. The electronic signature of the Chair and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Recording Secretary or any of them, to this resolution and to any certificate or other document authorized to be executed hereunder shall be as valid as an original signature of such party and shall be effective to bind the Council thereto. For purposes hereof, (i) "electronic signature" means (a) a manually signed original signature that is then transmitted by electronic means or (b) a signature obtained through DocuSign or Adobe or a similarly digitally auditable signature gathering process; and (ii) "transmitted by electronic means" means sent in the form of a facsimile or sent via the internet as a portable document format ("pdf") or other replicating image attached to an electronic mail or internet message..

Adopted: March 24, 2021

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

Charles Zelle, Chair

EXHIBIT A

THE COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED BAKER TILLY MUNICIPAL ADVISORS, LLC TO NEGOTIATE THIS ISSUE ON ITS BEHALF. PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

TERMS OF PROPOSAL \$204,170,000*

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL METROPOLITAN AREA) STATE OF MINNESOTA

GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2021C (BOOK ENTRY ONLY)

Proposals for the above-referenced obligations (the "Series 2021C Notes") will be received by Metropolitan Council (Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area), State of Minnesota (the "Council") on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 (the "Sale Date") until 10:30 A.M., Central Time (the "Sale Time") at the offices of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC ("Baker Tilly MA"), 380 Jackson Street, Suite 300, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55101, after which time proposals will be opened and tabulated. Consideration for award of the Series 2021C Notes will be by the Chief Financial Officer of the Council or its designee subsequent to the opening of proposals.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Baker Tilly MA will assume no liability for the inability of a bidder or its proposal to reach Baker Tilly MA prior to the Sale Time, and neither the Council nor Baker Tilly MA shall be responsible for any failure, misdirection or error in the means of transmission selected by any bidder. All bidders are advised that each proposal shall be deemed to constitute a contract between the bidder and the Council to purchase the Series 2021C Notes regardless of the manner in which the proposal is submitted.

(a) <u>Sealed Bidding</u>. Completed, signed proposals may be submitted to Baker Tilly MA by email to <u>bondservice@bakertilly.com</u> or by fax (651) 223-3046, and must be received prior to the Sale Time.

OR

(b) <u>Electronic Bidding.</u> Proposals may also be received via PARITY[®]. For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY[®] shall constitute the official time with respect to all proposals submitted to PARITY[®]. Each bidder shall be solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access PARITY[®] for purposes of submitting its electronic proposal in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Proposal. Neither the Council, its agents, nor PARITY[®] shall have any duty or obligation to undertake registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or ensure electronic access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the Council, its agents, nor PARITY[®] shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for any failure in the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of or any damages caused by the services of PARITY[®]. The Council is using the services of PARITY[®] solely as a communication mechanism to conduct the electronic bidding for the Series 2021C Notes, and PARITY[®] is not an agent of the Council.

If any provisions of this Terms of Proposal conflict with information provided by PARITY[®], this Terms of Proposal shall control. Further information about PARITY[®], including any fee charged, may be obtained from:

* *Preliminary; subject to change.*

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DETAILS OF THE SERIES 2021C NOTES

The Series 2021C Notes will be dated as of the date of delivery and will bear interest payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2021. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

The Series 2021C Notes will mature December 1 in the years and amounts* as follows:

2026 \$48,800,000 2027 \$50,265,000 2028 \$51,775,000 2029 \$53,330,000

* The Council reserves the right, after proposals are opened and prior to award, to increase or reduce the principal amount of the Series 2021C Notes or the amount of any maturity or maturities in multiples of \$5,000. In the event the amount of any maturity is modified, the aggregate purchase price will be adjusted to result in the same gross spread per \$1,000 of Series 2021C Notes as that of the original proposal. Gross spread for this purpose is the differential between the price paid to the Council for the new issue and the prices at which the proposal indicates the securities will be initially offered to the investing public.

Proposals for the Series 2021C Notes may contain a maturity schedule providing for a combination of serial bonds and term bonds. All term bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption scheduled to conform to the maturity schedule set forth above. In order to designate term bonds, the proposal must specify "Years of Term Maturities" in the spaces provided on the proposal form.

BOOK ENTRY SYSTEM

The Series 2021C Notes will be issued by means of a book entry system with no physical distribution of Series 2021C Notes made to the public. The Series 2021C Notes will be issued in fully registered form and one Series 2021C Note, representing the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2021C Notes maturing in each year, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as securities depository for the Series 2021C Notes. Individual purchases of the Series 2021C Notes may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof of a single maturity through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Principal and interest are payable by the registrar to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Series 2021C Notes. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners. The lowest bidder (the "Purchaser"), as a condition of delivery of the Series 2021C Notes, will be required to deposit the Series 2021C Notes with DTC.

REGISTRAR

The Chief Financial Officer of the Council will serve as registrar for the Series 2021C Notes.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

The Series 2021C Notes will not be subject to optional redemption in advance of their respective stated maturity dates.

SECURITY AND PURPOSE

The Series 2021C Notes are general obligations of the Council for which it pledges its full faith and credit and power to levy direct general ad valorem taxes on all property in the Area without limit as to rate or amount; however, the Council does not anticipate the need to levy taxes to pay debt service on the Series 2021C Notes. The Council will pledge Federal Transit Administration grant receipts (the "Grant Receipts") to cover 105% of debt service on the Series 2021C Notes, and covenants that expected Grant Receipts will be sufficient to cover 110% of debt service on the Series 2021C Notes when due. The proceeds of the Series 2021C Notes will be used to (i) temporarily finance part of the construction of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project in anticipation of the receipt of federal grants to be received by the Council; and (ii) pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2021C Notes.

NOT BANK QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

The Council will not designate the Series 2021C Notes as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

BIDDING PARAMETERS

Proposals shall be for not less than \$212,336,800 (104%) plus accrued interest, if any, on the total principal amount of the Series 2021C Notes.

No proposal can be withdrawn or amended after the time set for receiving proposals unless award of the Series 2021C Notes is not made by the Chief Financial Officer or its designee following the opening of proposals, as designated by the Council pursuant to a resolution to be adopted on March 24, 2021 (the "Parameters Resolution"). Rates shall be in integral multiples of 1/100 or 1/8 of 1%. The initial price to the public for each maturity as stated on the proposal must be 98.0% or greater. Series 2021C Notes of the same maturity shall bear a single rate from the date of the Series 2021C Notes to the date of maturity. No conditional proposals will be accepted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE

In order to provide the Council with information necessary for compliance with Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code"), the Purchaser will be required to assist the Council in establishing the issue price of the Series 2021C Notes and shall complete, execute, and deliver to the Council prior to the closing date, a written certification in a form acceptable to the Purchaser, the Council, and Bond Counsel (the "Issue Price Certificate") containing the following for each maturity of the Series 2021C Notes (and, if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity): (i) the interest rate; (ii) the reasonably expected initial offering price to the "public" (as said term is defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f) (the "Regulation")) or the sale price; and (iii) pricing wires or equivalent communications supporting such offering or sale price. Any action to be taken or documentation to be received by the Council pursuant hereto may be taken or received on behalf of the Council by Baker Tilly MA.

The Council intends that the sale of the Series 2021C Notes pursuant to this Terms of Proposal shall constitute a "competitive sale" as defined in the Regulation based on the following:

(i) the Council shall cause this Terms of Proposal to be disseminated to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;

(ii) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to submit a bid;

(iii) the Council reasonably expects that it will receive bids from at least three bidders that have established industry reputations for underwriting municipal bonds such as the Series 2021C Notes; and

(iv) the Council anticipates awarding the sale of the Series 2021C Notes to the bidder who provides a proposal with the lowest true interest cost, as set forth in this Terms of Proposal (See "AWARD" herein).

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Terms of Proposal shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Series 2021C Notes, as specified in the proposal. The Purchaser shall constitute an "underwriter" as said term is defined in the Regulation. By submitting its proposal, the Purchaser confirms that it shall require any agreement among underwriters, a selling group agreement, or other agreement to which it is a party relating to the initial sale of the Series 2021C Notes, to include provisions requiring compliance with the provisions of the Code and the Regulation regarding the initial sale of the Series 2021C Notes. If all of the requirements of a "competitive sale" are not satisfied, the Council shall advise the Purchaser of such

fact prior to the time of award of the sale of the Series 2021C Notes to the Purchaser. In such event, any proposal submitted will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the notice of award of the sale of the Series 2021C Notes, the Purchaser shall advise the Council and Baker Tilly MA if 10% of any maturity of the Series 2021C Notes (and, if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity) has been sold to the public and the price at which it was sold. The Council will treat such sale price as the "issue price" for such maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The Council will not require the Purchaser to comply with that portion of the Regulation commonly described as the "hold-the-offering-price" requirement for the remaining maturities, but the Purchaser may elect such option. If the Purchaser exercises such option, the Council will apply the initial offering price to the public provided in the proposal as the issue price for such maturities. If the Purchaser does not exercise that option, it shall thereafter promptly provide the Council and Baker Tilly MA the prices at which 10% of such maturities are sold to the public; provided such determination shall be made and the Council and Baker Tilly MA notified of such prices whether or not the closing date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Series 2021C Notes of a maturity have been sold.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT

To have its proposal considered for award, the Purchaser is required to submit a good faith deposit via wire transfer to the Council in the amount of \$2,041,700 (the "Deposit") no later than 2:00 P.M., Central Time on the Sale Date. The Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the timely delivery of its Deposit, and neither the Council nor Baker Tilly MA have any liability for delays in the receipt of the Deposit. If the Deposit is not received by the specified time, the Council may, at its sole discretion, reject the proposal of the lowest bidder, direct the second lowest bidder to submit a Deposit, and thereafter award the sale to such bidder.

A Deposit will be considered timely delivered to the Council upon submission of a federal wire reference number by the specified time. Wire transfer instructions will be available from Baker Tilly MA following the receipt and tabulation of proposals. The successful bidder must send an e-mail including the following information: (i) the federal reference number and time released; (ii) the amount of the wire transfer; and (iii) the issue to which it applies.

Once an award has been made, the Deposit received from the Purchaser will be retained by the Council and no interest will accrue to the Purchaser. The amount of the Deposit will be deducted at settlement from the purchase price. In the event the Purchaser fails to comply with the accepted proposal, said amount will be retained by the Council.

AWARD

The Series 2021C Notes will be awarded on the basis of the lowest interest rate to be determined on a true interest cost (TIC) basis calculated on the proposal prior to any adjustment made by the Council. The Council's computation of the interest rate of each proposal, in accordance with customary practice, will be controlling.

The Council will reserve the right to: (i) waive non-substantive informalities of any proposal or of matters relating to the receipt of proposals and award of the Series 2021C Notes, (ii) reject all proposals without cause, and (iii) reject any proposal that the Council determines to have failed to comply with the terms herein.

CUSIP NUMBERS

If the Series 2021C Notes qualify for the assignment of CUSIP numbers such numbers will be printed on the Series 2021C Notes; however, neither the failure to print such numbers on any Series 2021C Note nor any error with respect thereto will constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Series 2021C Notes. Baker Tilly MA will apply for CUSIP numbers pursuant to Rule G-34

implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers shall be paid by the Purchaser.

SETTLEMENT

On or about May 5, 2021, the Series 2021C Notes will be delivered without cost to the Purchaser through DTC in New York, New York. Delivery will be subject to receipt by the Purchaser of an approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and of customary closing papers, including a no-litigation certificate. On the date of settlement, payment for the Series 2021C Notes shall be made in federal, or equivalent, funds that shall be received at the offices of the Council or its designee not later than 12:00 Noon, Central Time. Unless compliance with the terms of payment for the Series 2021C Notes has been made impossible by action of the Council, or its agents, the Purchaser shall be liable to the Council for any loss suffered by the Council by reason of the Purchaser's non-compliance with said terms for payment.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with SEC Rule $15c_{2-12}(b)(5)$, the Council will undertake, pursuant to the Parameters Resolution, to provide annual reports and notices of certain events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Official Statement. The Purchaser's obligation to purchase the Series 2021C Notes will be conditioned upon receiving evidence of this undertaking at or prior to delivery of the Series 2021C Notes.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Council has authorized the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement containing pertinent information relative to the Series 2021C Notes, and said Preliminary Official Statement has been deemed final by the Council as of the date thereof within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. For an electronic copy of the Preliminary Official Statement or for any additional information prior to sale, any prospective purchaser is referred to the Municipal Advisor to the Council, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, by telephone (651) 223-3000, or by email bondservice@bakertilly.com. The Preliminary Official Statement will also be made available at https://connect.bakertilly.com/bond-sales-calendar.

A Final Official Statement (as that term is defined in Rule 15c2-12) will be prepared, specifying the maturity dates, principal amounts, and interest rates of the Series 2021C Notes, together with any other information required by law. By awarding the Series 2021C Notes to the Purchaser, the Council agrees that, no more than seven business days after the date of such award, it shall provide to the Purchaser an electronic copy of the Final Official Statement. The Council designates the Purchaser as its agent for purposes of distributing the Final Official Statement to each syndicate member, if applicable. The Purchaser agrees that if its proposal is accepted by the Council, (i) it shall accept designation and (ii) it shall enter into a contractual relationship with its syndicate members for purposes of assuring the receipt of the Final Official Statement.

Dated March 24, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

/s/ Mary Bogie Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT B

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

(a) Purpose and Beneficiaries. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Notes and the security therefor and to permit the original purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Notes to comply with amendments to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12), relating to continuing disclosure (as in effect and interpreted from time to time, the Rule), which will enhance the marketability of the Notes, the Issuer hereby makes the following covenants and agreements for the benefit of the Owners (as hereinafter defined) from time to time of the outstanding Notes. The Issuer is the only "obligated person" in respect of the Notes within the meaning of the Rule for purposes of identifying the entities in respect of which continuing disclosure must be made. If the Issuer fails to comply with any provisions of this section, any person aggrieved thereby, including the Owners of any outstanding Notes, may take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or appropriate to enforce performance and observance of any agreement or covenant contained in this section, including an action for a writ of mandamus or specific performance. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable for any default hereunder to the extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event shall a default under this section constitute a default under the Notes or under any other provision of this resolution. As used in this section, "Owner" means, in respect of a Note, the registered owner or owners thereof appearing in the Note register maintained by the Registrar or any "Beneficial Owner" (as hereinafter defined) thereof, if such Beneficial Owner provides to the Registrar evidence of such beneficial ownership in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Registrar. As used herein, "Beneficial Owner" means, in respect of any Note, any person or entity which (i) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, such Note (including persons or entities holding Notes through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (ii) is treated as the owner of the Note for federal income tax purposes.

(b) <u>Information To Be Disclosed</u>. The Issuer will provide, in the manner set forth in subsection (c) hereof, either directly or indirectly through an agent designated by the Issuer, the following information at the following times:

(1) Within 9 months after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, the following financial information and operating data in respect of the Issuer (the Disclosure Information):

(A) the audited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year, accompanied by the audit report and opinion of the accountant or government auditor relating thereto, as permitted or required by the laws of the State of Minnesota, containing balance sheets as of the end of such fiscal year and a statement of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, showing in comparative form such figures for the preceding fiscal year of the Issuer, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles provided under Minnesota law, as in effect from time to time, or, if and to the extent such financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with such generally accepted accounting principles for reasons beyond the reasonable control of the Issuer, noting the discrepancies therefrom and the effect thereof, and certified as to accuracy and completeness in all material respects by the fiscal officer of the Issuer; and

(B) to the extent not included in the financial statements referred to in paragraph (A) hereof, the information for such fiscal year or for the period most recently available of the type contained in the Official Statement under headings: "Indebtedness of the Council and Its Agencies," "Council Property Values" and "Council Financial Information," which information may be unaudited.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, if the audited financial statements are not available by the date specified, the Issuer shall provide on or before such date unaudited financial statements in the format required for the audited financial statements as part of the Disclosure Information and, within 10 days after the receipt thereof, the Issuer shall provide the audited financial statements. Any or all of the Disclosure Information may be incorporated by reference, if it is updated as required hereby, from other documents, including official statements, that have been filed with the SEC or have been made available to the public on the Internet Web site of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the MSRB). The Issuer shall clearly identify in the Disclosure Information each document so incorporated by reference. If any part of the Disclosure Information can no longer be generated because the operations of the Issuer have materially changed or been discontinued, such Disclosure Information need no longer be provided if the Issuer includes in the Disclosure Information a statement to such effect; provided, however, if such operations have been replaced by other Issuer operations in respect of which data is not included in the Disclosure Information and the Issuer determines that certain specified data regarding such replacement operations would be a Material Fact (as defined in paragraph (3) hereof), then, from and after such determination, the Disclosure Information shall include such additional specified data regarding the replacement operations. If the Disclosure Information is changed or this section is amended as permitted by this paragraph (b)(1), then the Issuer shall include in the next Disclosure Information to be delivered hereunder, to the extent necessary, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect of any change in the type of financial information or operating data provided.

(2) In a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events (each a "Material Fact"):

- (A) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (B) Non-payment related defaults, if material;

(C) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

(D) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

(E) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

(F) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;

(G) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;

(H) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;

(I) Defeasances;

(J) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material; and

(K) Rating changes;

(L) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;

(M) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

(N) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;

(O) Failure of an issuer or obligated person to provide annual financial information as required;

(P) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and

(Q) Default, event of acceleration termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

As used herein, a "Material Fact" is a fact as to which a substantial likelihood exists that a reasonably prudent investor would attach importance thereto in deciding to buy, hold or sell a Note or, if not disclosed, would significantly alter the total information otherwise available to an investor from the Official Statement, information disclosed hereunder or information generally available to the public. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a "Material Fact" is also an event that would be deemed "material" for purposes of the purchase, holding or sale of a Note within the meaning of applicable federal securities laws, as interpreted at the time of discovery of the occurrence of the event.

As used herein, a "Financial Obligation" means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a Financial Obligation as described in clause (a) or (b). The term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

(3) In a timely manner, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events or conditions:

(A) the failure of the Issuer to provide the Disclosure Information required under paragraph (b)(1) at the time specified thereunder;

(B) the amendment or supplementing of this section pursuant to subsection (d), together with a copy of such amendment or supplement and any explanation provided by the Issuer under subsection (d)(2);

(C) the termination of the obligations of the Issuer under this section pursuant to subsection (d);

(D) any change in the accounting principles pursuant to which the financial statements constituting a portion of the Disclosure Information or the audited financial statements, if any, furnished pursuant to subsection (b)(2) or (3) are prepared; and

(E) any change in the fiscal year of the Issuer.

(c) <u>Manner of Disclosure</u>.

(1) The Issuer agrees to make available to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time, the information described in subsection (b).

(2) The Issuer further agrees to make available, by electronic transmission, overnight delivery, mail or other means, as appropriate, the information described in subsection (b) to any rating agency then maintaining a rating of the Notes at the request of the Issuer and, at the expense of such Owner, to any Owner who requests in writing such information, at the time of transmission under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c), or, if such information is transmitted with a subsequent time of release, at the time such information is to be released.

(3) All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this subsection (c) shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time.

(e) <u>Term; Amendments; Interpretation</u>.

(1) The covenants of the Issuer in this section shall remain in effect so long as any Notes are outstanding. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, however, the obligations of the Issuer under this section shall terminate and be without further effect as of any date on which the Issuer delivers to the Registrar an opinion of Issuer's current Bond Counsel to the effect that, because of legislative action or final judicial or administrative actions or proceedings, the failure of the Issuer to comply with the requirements of this section will not cause participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Notes to be in violation of the Rule or other applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any statutes or laws successory thereto or amendatory thereof.

(2)This section (and the form and requirements of the Disclosure Information) may be amended or supplemented by the Issuer from time to time, without notice to (except as provided in paragraph (c)(3) hereof) or the consent of the Owners of any Notes, by a resolution of this Council filed in the office of the recording officer of the Issuer accompanied by an opinion of Issuer's current Bond Counsel, who may rely on certificates of the Issuer and others and the opinion may be subject to customary qualifications, to the effect that: (i) such amendment or supplement (a) is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in law or regulation or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer or the type of operations conducted by the Issuer, or (b) is required by, or better complies with, the provisions of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule; (ii) this section as so amended or supplemented would have complied with the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Notes, giving effect to any change in circumstances applicable under clause (i)(a) and assuming that the Rule as in effect and interpreted at the time of the amendment or supplement was in effect at the time of the primary offering; and (iii) such amendment or supplement does not materially impair the interests of the Owners under the Rule.

If the Disclosure Information is so amended, the Issuer agrees to provide, contemporaneously with the effectiveness of such amendment, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect, if any, of the change in the type of financial information or operating data being provided hereunder.

(3) This section is entered into to comply with the continuing disclosure provisions of the Rule and should be construed so as to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule.

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF NOTES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MINNESOTA ANOKA, CARVER, DAKOTA, HENNEPIN, RAMSEY, SCOTT AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL METROPOLITAN AREA) GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATON NOTE, SERIES 2021C

No. _____

Rate

Date of Maturity 1, 20____, 2021

Original Issue

CUSIP

\$

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO. **PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:**

DOLLARS

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, a public corporation having jurisdiction over the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area comprising the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota (excluding the City of Northfield), Hennepin (excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford), Ramsey, Scott (excluding the City of New Prague), and Washington, Minnesota (the "Issuer"), acknowledges itself to be indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above on the maturity date specified above and promises to pay interest thereon from the date of original issue specified above or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (as hereinafter defined) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, at the annual rate specified above, on 1 and 1 in each year, commencing ______ 1, 20 __ (each such date, an "Interest Payment Date"). The interest so payable on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the person in whose name this Note is registered at the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Interest hereon shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months. The interest hereon and, upon presentation and surrender hereof, the principal hereof are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by wire transfer, check or draft by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council, Minnesota, as Registrar and Paying Agent, or its designated successor under the Resolution (as hereinafter defined) (the "Registrar"). For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due, the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the Issuer have been and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This Note is one of an issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$_______ issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Council on March 24, 2021 (the "Resolution"), to temporarily finance a portion of the construction costs of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Project No. MN-2020-047-00) pending the receipt of federal grants, and is issued pursuant to and in full conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota thereunto enabling, including Minnesota Statutes, Sections 473.39 and 475.522 and Chapter 475. The Notes are issuable only in fully registered form, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, of single maturities.

The Notes maturing on ______1, 202___ and thereafter are each subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the Issuer, in whole or in part, and if in part in such manner and order of maturity dates as the Issuer may select and by lot as selected by Registrar (or, if applicable, by the bond depository in accordance with its customary procedures) in multiples of \$5,000 as to Notes maturing on the same date, on ______ 1, 202__, and on any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

As provided in the Resolution and subject to certain limitations set forth therein, this Note is transferable upon the books of the Issuer at the principal office of the Registrar, by the registered owner hereof in person or by the owner's attorney duly authorized in writing upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or the owner's attorney; and may also be surrendered in exchange for Notes of other authorized denominations. Upon such transfer or exchange the Issuer will cause a new Note or Notes to be issued in the name of the transferee or registered owner, of the same aggregate principal amount, bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date, subject to reimbursement for any tax, fee or governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

The Issuer and the Registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof, whether this Note is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, and neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Note, so long as this Note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, or in the name of any other nominee of The Depository Trust Company or other securities depository, the Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on this Note, and shall give all notices with respect to this Note, only to Cede & Co. or other nominee in accordance with the operational arrangements of The Depository Trust Company or other securities depository as agreed to by the Issuer.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED, COVENANTED AND AGREED that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota to be done, to exist, to happen and to be performed preliminary to and in the issuance of this Note in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the Issuer in accordance with its terms, have been done, do exist, have happened and have been performed as so required; and that if necessary for the payment of such principal and interest when due, ad valorem taxes are required to be levied upon all property taxable by the Issuer, without limitation as to rate or amount.

This Note shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Resolution until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been executed by the manual signature of the Registrar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Note to be executed on its behalf by the facsimile signatures of the Chair and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, MINNESOTA

(Facsimile Signature Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer)

(Facsimile Signature Chair)

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes delivered pursuant to the Resolution mentioned within.

Date of Authentication: , 2021

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/TREASURER, METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, MINNESOTA, as Registrar

By____

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Note, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to the applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM –as tenants in common

UTMA.....as Custodian for..... (Cust) (Minor) under Uniform Transfers to Minors Act..... (State)

TEN ENT –as tenants by the entireties

JT TEN --as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

Additional abbreviations may also be used.

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

attorney to transfer the said Note on the books kept for registration of the within Note, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in STAMP or such other signature guaranty program as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to or in substitution for STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Please insert social security or other identifying number of assignee:

[End of Series 2021CNote Form]

EXHIBIT D

ANOKA COUNTY MANAGER OF PROPERTY RECORDS <u>AND TAXATION CERTIFICATE</u> <u>AS TO REGISTRATION</u>

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Manager of Property Records and Taxation of Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

Manager of Property Records and Taxation Anoka County, Minnesota

(SEAL)

Deputy



CARVER COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Carver County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)

DAKOTA COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY TAXATION AND RECORDS CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Director of Property Taxation and Records of Dakota County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

(SEAL)

Director of Property Taxation and Records Dakota County, Minnesota

Deputy

WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Washington County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C dated as of _______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)

RAMSEY COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Ramsey County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)

HENNEPIN COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Taxpayer Services Division Manager of Hennepin County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

(SEAL)

Taxpayer Services Division Manager Hennepin County, Minnesota

Deputy

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REGISTRATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Scott County, Minnesota, hereby certifies that there has been filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution duly adopted on March 24, 2021, and a related certificate of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Metropolitan Council of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, Minnesota, setting forth the form and details of an issue of an issue of \$______ General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C dated as of ______, 2021.

I further certify that the issue has been entered on my Note register as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 2021.

County Auditor

(SEAL)