

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 27, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: July 13, 2022

Business Item: 2022-169

METRO Gold Line Amendment #1 to Joint Powers Board Capital Grant Agreement (21I042)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to:

- 1) Negotiate and execute Amendment #1 to METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Capital Grant Agreement #21I042 with the Gold Line Joint Powers Board (JPB) increasing the total grant amount to be received by the Council for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) to an amount not to exceed \$195,915,033 to equal the Counties’ total project share of \$240,167,103; and
- 2) Refund the excess funds received from the Gold Line JPB for the Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #19I063 of \$30,897,015 back to the Gold Line JPB to be available for the METRO Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #21I042.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Prior to the business item, Deputy General Manager Nick Thompson presented a Gold Line project update. Cummings asked if there will be multiple letters of no prejudice, Thompson said the request has been made for one large one to get through the calendar year. Cummings asked about the financial change of the timing of the award money. Thompson said IIJA contributed to the change from the federal side. Cummings asked about maintenance financing, Thompson said it is anticipated that it will be like the other projects where it will be 50/50 and the capital side has not been finalized yet. Cummings asked about the bids received, Thompson responded that there were three. Gonzalez voiced appreciation for staff work on the project.

Robin Caufman presented the business item. There was no discussion on the business item.

Motion by Gonzalez, second by Cummings. Motion carried.

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METRO Gold Line Amendment #1 to Joint Powers Board Capital Grant Agreement (211042)

District(s), Member(s):	District 12 (Gonzalez), District 11 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-1 Procurement Policy, FM14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Wes Kooistra, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Chris Beckwith, Gold Line Project Director, 651-602-1994
Division/Department:	Metro Transit Capital Projects – METRO Gold Line Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to:

- 1) Negotiate and execute Amendment #1 to METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Capital Grant Agreement #211042 with the Gold Line Joint Powers Board (JPB) increasing the total grant amount to be received by the Council for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) to an amount not to exceed \$195,915,033 to equal the Counties’ total project share of \$240,167,103; and
- 2) Refund the excess funds received from the Gold Line JPB for the Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #191063 of \$30,897,015 back to the Gold Line JPB to be available for the METRO Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #211042.

Background

The current Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #211042 (Business Item 2021-329) and the previous Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #191063 (Business Item 2019-228) together provide local funding contributions for the Project from the Counties of Washington and Ramsey who comprise the JPB.

Agreement #191063 (2020-2022), that had received JPB contributions totaling \$62,035,316, expired on February 28, 2022, with \$31,138,302 expended. This results in \$30,897,015 in excess funds to be refunded to the JPB to be used for Agreement #211042.

Agreement #211042 (2022-2026) superseded Agreement #191063 and is being amended to increase the total not-to-exceed value from \$165,169,635 to \$195,915,033, to incorporate the remaining funds from the prior agreement.

Rationale

The Capital Grant Agreement #211042 for 2022 through 2026 establishes a framework for the partnership between the Counties and the Council for delivering the Gold Line and makes remaining funds available for Project activities through Amendment #1. The Gold Line JPB Total

Project share of \$240,167,103 was authorized in the capital budget with Business Item 2022-34JT. This Amendment #1 to #211042 does not change the Gold Line Joint Powers Board Total Project Share previously authorized.

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

The Project advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

Funding

The proposed amendment #1 to #211042 continues to make available committed funding from Washington and Ramsey Counties through their Joint Powers Board to the Council for the METRO Gold Line which was authorized into the Council's Authorized Capital Program in project 61402 with Business Item 2022-34JT.

Small Business Inclusion

Any resulting procurements from this Capital Grant Agreement will be reviewed by the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEQ) for inclusion of small business sub-contracting goals.

