

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 23, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: November 8, 2023

Business Item: 2023-201

METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Subordinate Funding Agreement No.3 (211147C) with MnDOT for 2024 Staffing Support

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #3 (contract reference number 211147C) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") in an amount not to exceed \$1,059,502 contingent upon the execution of the First Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement for the Project Development Phase of the Metro Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project ("First Amendment") by the Council, Ramsey County ("County"), and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority ("RCRRA").

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was on the Consent list.

Motion by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, Tyrone. Motion carried to approve all Consent items.



Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 23, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: November 8, 2023

Business Item: 2023-201

METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Subordinate Funding Agreement No.3 (211147C) with MnDOT for 2024 Staffing Support

District(s), Member(s):	District 10 (Lindstrom), District 11 (Cederberg), District 13 (Lee), District 14 (Carter)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Craig Lamothe, Purple Line Project Manager, 612-602-1978 Mike Ullmer, Agreements Specialist, 651-602-1957
Division/Department:	Metro Transit – METRO Projects / Guideway BRT – METRO Purple Line

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #3 (contract reference number 211147C) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,059,502 contingent upon the execution of the First Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement for the Project Development Phase of the Metro Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“First Amendment”) by the Council, Ramsey County (“County”), and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (“RCRRA”).

Background

In 2021, the Council entered into a Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) with MnDOT for the development of the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Purple Line Project”). Each Subordinate Funding Agreement (“SFA”) under the MFA provides a method for the transfer of funds and defines the specific purpose of the expenditures.

This SFA will allow the Council to reimburse MnDOT for eligible professional services incurred during calendar year 2024 that are related to the Purple Line Project. In 2024 MnDOT will be supporting preliminary design review, layout reviews, structural reviews, gathering preliminary right of way information, and overseeing the design and engineering process.

Rationale

Use of MnDOT staff is a cost-effective way to provide expertise in areas such as engineering and design, construction oversight, permitting, and right-of-way coordination.

Council Policy requires Interagency Agreements valued at greater than \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

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 Purple Line 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

Funding for this SFA is fully provided through an executed Capital Grant Agreement ("CGA") with the County and RCRRA and incorporated into the Council's Authorized Capital Budget under Project #61109. The Council, County, and RCRRA are currently negotiating the First Amendment, identified in the Proposed Action above, which is a no-cost term extension amendment to this CGA to provide funding through the end of an anticipated extension of the Project Development Phase for the Purple Line Project. This SFA with MnDOT will be executed following execution of the First Amendment, currently scheduled for early December 2023.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business associated with this action.

