

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** May 13, 2024

**For the Metropolitan Council:** May 22, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-87

City of Minneapolis Transit Advantages Master Funding Agreement

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its regional administrator to execute a five-year master funding agreement with the City of Minneapolis to facilitate cost sharing between agencies on transit advantage projects.

### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Engineering and Construction Manager Derek Berube and Speed and Reliability Program Manager Michael Mechtenberg presented this item. Council Members shared feedback and asked about lane notice to drivers.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, Diego. Motion carried.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 6 (Lilligren), District 7 (Osman)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Brian Funk, Deputy General Manager, COO-Bus and Rail – 612-349-7514 Marilyn Porter, Director Engineering and Facilities – 612-349-7689 Adam Harrington, Director Service Development – 612-349-7797 Derek Berube, Manager Engineering – 612-349-7560 Ryan Heath, Manager Transitways and Speed & Reliability 612-349-7183 Michael Mechtenberg, Program Manager Speed & Reliability–612-349-7793
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit - Engineering and Facilities

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### Background

In recent years, Metro Transit and the City of Minneapolis have collaborated on multiple transit advantage projects to improve the speed and reliability of service for our riders. These types of projects include painted bus lanes, signage adjustments, transit signal priority, and other transit advantages. Looking ahead, we anticipate regular and on-going implementation of new projects.

On past projects, cost sharing has been made through individual agreements which are time-consuming and exhaustive to both city and Metro Transit staff. A master funding agreement will establish a framework for the exchange of funds between the City of Minneapolis and Metro Transit for transit advantage projects, reducing the delay due of individual funding agreements. This agreement will have a not to exceed value of \$10,000,000.

### Rationale

Council Policy requires interagency agreements exceeding \$500,000 be approved.

### 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.

### **Funding**

Funding will be included in future Council authorized capital and operating budgets. Individual projects will only be executed after Council budget authority has been approved.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

Any projects executed through this cost sharing agreement would be subject to Council or City of Minneapolis small business contracting requirements.

