

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 10, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: June 26, 2024

Business Item: 2024-148

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Proposed Action

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Electric Bus Infrastructure Manager Carrie Desmond presented this item. There was no discussion or questions.

Motion by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 15-1 Income/Grants Policy

Staff Prepared/Presented: Marilyn Porter, Director of Engineering & Facilities; 612-349-7689
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Carrie Desmond, Manager Electric Bus Infrastructure, 612-349-7798

Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

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Background

On June 26, 2023, Metro Transit was awarded an FTA Low or No Emission Grant worth \$17,532,900 with an additional commitment of local matching funds equaling \$2,902,100 for a total project cost of \$20,435,000. On November 9, 2023, Metro Transit was awarded state funding from the MnDOT IIJA Discretionary Match Program in the amount of \$2,902,100 which fully covers the local match requirement for the FY23 FTA Low or No Emission Grant. MnDOT has provided a draft grant agreement for the MnDOT IIJA Discretionary Match Program which requires negotiation and execution to proceed.

Rationale

Income Grants Policy FM 15-1 requires agreements exceeding \$500,000 be approved by the Council

Thrive Lens Analysis

Implementation of the FY23 Low or No Emissions grant and Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan will advance all five Thrive 2040 Outcomes.

- Stewardship is addressed by the Guiding Principles of Technical Viability and Fiscal Impact to ensure that we are responsibly managing our region's finite resources and leveraging transit investments.
- Prosperity is addressed by the Guiding Principle of Equity and Environmental Justice to ensure we are fostering the conditions for shared economic vitality.

- Equity is addressed by the Guiding Principle of Equity and Environmental Justice by working to build a more equitable region, creating choices for all and engaging the community in decision-making.
- Livability is addressed by all aspects of the plan to promote healthy communities.
- Sustainability is addressed by all aspects of the plan to provide leadership in climate change mitigation.

Funding

This grant agreement enables the Council to receive \$2,902,100 from MnDOT to match \$17,532,900 in awarded Federal funds for the FTA FY23 Low or No Emissions grant. Funding will be used in projects 65320 Bus Replacements and 64707 Electric Bus Infrastructure.

Small Business Inclusion

Any current or planned projects that incorporate these funds are subject to Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements.

