

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: December 9, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: December 11, 2024

Business Item: 2024-318 SW

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Proposed Action

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Manager of BRT Projects Adam Smith and Arterial BRT Agreements Lead Reed Sherlock presented this item.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales. Motion carried, consent to Council



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District(s), Member(s): District 13 (Lee), District 14 (Carter)

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Arterial BRT

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That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Agreement 24I013 (“Agreement”) with the City of St. Paul (“City”) for construction of METRO G Line BRT station platforms in conjunction with the City’s Robert Street Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.

Background

The G Line is a planned arterial BRT line that will operate on an 11.5-mile corridor primarily along Rice Street and Robert Street. The construction of G Line stations at Robert & Kellogg, Robert & 5th/6th Street, and Robert & 10th Street coincides with the City’s roadway improvement project along Robert Street between Kellogg Boulevard and I-94, also known as the Robert Street Reconstruction Project. Council and the City have coordinated for the foundation and subgrade construction of the G Line platforms to be completed in conjunction with the City’s Robert Street Reconstruction Project.

Across a multi-year collaborative planning and design process, Council and the City have determined that including G Line construction elements in a single construction contract to be held by the City is most advantageous to both agencies and the public. Through this Agreement, the Council will contribute funds to the City’s construction contract for the six G Line station platforms along Robert Street.

Rationale

Council policy requires that interagency agreements valued at greater than \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The G Line will enhance transit in the Rice Street / Robert Street corridor, currently served by Route 62 and Route 68. Investment in high-quality transit options in the G Line corridor 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 G Line project advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by improving transit access for people with low incomes and communities of color. About 70 percent of Route 62 and Route 68 customers live in households with lower than average incomes, and over half of Route 62 and Route 68 customers are people of color. Investment in the G Line will provide riders with faster and more reliable service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience.

The proposed action also advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by planning for G Line corridor improvements efficiently with the City.

Funding

The proposed action will authorize payment to the City of St. Paul in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 for construction of G Line stations on Robert Street. Funding for this agreement is available within the Council's authorized capital program in project 61225 (G Line).

Small Business Inclusion

The City of St. Paul will award contract(s) following procedures for federally funded projects.

