

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



**Committee meeting date:** July 14, 2025

**For the Metropolitan Council:** July 23, 2025

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### Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Staff noted that the project that these funds will support is federally funded. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will oversee the federal requirements, including the DBE requirement.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Toni. Motion carried.

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| <b>District(s), member(s):</b>   | District 1 - Judy Johnson   |
| <b>Policy/legal reference:</b>   | FM 15-2 Grant/Loan Approval Policy, FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy                     |
| <b>Staff prepared/presented:</b> | Arin Knutson, Sr. Grant Administrator, MTS (612) 349-7643<br>Nicole Clapp, Grants Manager MTS Finance & Admin. (651) 602-1723 |
| <b>Division/department:</b>      | Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)   |

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### Background

In 2022, the City of Plymouth received a RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to support the City's Station 73 Transit and Regional Improvement Project to make mobility and safety improvements near the intersection of TH 55 and CSAH 73 in Plymouth.

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$27.323M and will be primarily funded by the Department of Transportation (DOT) RAISE Grant. Other financial contributors include MnDOT, Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, Plymouth Metrolink, and the City of Plymouth.

Funding for this grant agreement is \$2,000,000 in Sales and Use Tax funds authorized in Business Item 2025-107 JT, approved by the Council on June 25, 2025, for match to the project.

The Council provides financial assistance to Replacement Service Providers for transit improvements and manages federal funding for providers through subrecipient grant agreements.

Completion of the project is expected to be in November 2026.

### Rationale

Council action is required for the Regional Administrator to execute agreements over \$500,000. The requested action will allow the Regional Administrator to execute the grant agreement with the City of Plymouth. The Metropolitan Council may award grant funds to meet specific public purpose needs.

### **Thrive lens analysis**

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, these projects promote stewardship, equity, sustainability, and livability by furthering access to transit.

### **Funding**

Funding for this grant agreement is \$2,000,000 in Sales and Use Tax funds authorized in Business Item 2025-107 JT, approved by the Council on June 25, 2025 for use as local match to the City's federal RAISE grant. This project is identified in the CIP.

### **Small business inclusion**

The City of Plymouth's MetroLink is an independent transit agency; therefore, non-federal pass-through grant funding shall be spent by Plymouth according to their adopted procurement policies.

