

**T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: July 9, 2012**

Metropolitan Council Meeting: July 25, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: June 25, 2012
Subject: Red Line Bus Rapid Transit Grant Agreement with
Dakota County Regional Rail Authority
Project 61216
District(s), Member(s): 5-Steve Elkins, 15-Steven T. Chávez, 16-Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota State Statutes 473.405 and 471.59
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) for funds granted to the Council by the DCRRA to procure goods and services needed for Red Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Background

Per business item 2012-159, the Council designated the DCRRA as the lead agency for the development and implementation of Cedar Avenue Transitway Stage 1 (including Red Line BRT facilities). As described in the Memo of Understanding (MOU) for this work (execution of this MOU approved by the Council with business item 2012-158), the Council will be designated as lead for specific tasks as part of implementation of the Red Line BRT.

Funding for some of the Council-led tasks for implementation of Red Line BRT will be granted to the Council from the DCRRA. A summary of these tasks and budgets follows:

<u>Red Line BRT Task</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Static Signage Package	\$270,000	2012 CTIB
Ticket Vending Machines	\$450,000	2012 CTIB
Marketing/Launch	Up to \$100,000	DCRRA/2012 CTIB
Transit Signal Priority	\$340,000	2012 CTIB

Rationale

Entering into a grant agreement with the DCRRA will define the scope, budget and authorized use of these Red Line BRT grant funds as well as how the funds will be made available to the Council. Authorization to negotiate and execute a grant agreement in excess of \$250,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding for the static signage package and ticket vending machines for this grant agreement has been authorized by the Council and is available under project 61216. Final numbers and the split of funding sources for the marketing effort are being determined and the final budget amount will be included with the next capital budget amendment. Determination of lead agency for the transit signal priority project is being finalized; if Met Council is the lead and funding is granted by DCRRA, these funds would be included in the next capital budget amendment.

Known Support / Opposition

The DCRRA is in support of entering into a grant agreement with the Council for Council-led Red Line BRT tasks that require funding from the DCRRA. There is no known opposition.