

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: June 11, 2012
For the Council Meeting of June 27, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	June 6, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Amend Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Washington County Regional Railroad Authority
District(s), Member(s):	11 - Rummel, 12 – Melander, 13 – Kramer, 14 - Commers
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 (I.A.1) Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend an existing subrecipient agreement with Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) to increase the Council’s contribution to the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study by \$60,000 to a total not to exceed \$260,000.

Background

The original subrecipient agreement between the Council and WCRRA, executed in April 2010, awarded \$200,000 using the Council’s federal Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funds for the Gateway Alternatives Analysis (AA) Study. This sum was contributed based on an interagency funding arrangement that assumed the following allocation percentages: WCRRA 40%, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) 40%, and Metropolitan Council 20%.

The original agreement did not require Council approval as it was under the \$250,000 authority threshold available for approval by the Regional Administrator. Because the additional funds will bring the total Council contribution to \$260,000, Council approval is required to execute the amendment.

Rationale

Since the AA study commenced in 2010, additional needs have arisen beyond what had been envisioned in the original scope. These include the addition of a sixth build alternative and an additional task to further optimize the alternatives. These added funds, along with additional funds contributed by WCRRA and RCRRA, will allow for the completion of transit options analysis by September 2012.

Funding

The Council’s contribution of UPWP funds for this study will be raised to \$260,000, along with the following agency contributions:

	New Local Funds	Total Local Contributions
Council	\$60,000	\$260,000
WCRRA	\$120,000	\$520,000
RCRRA	\$120,000	\$520,000
Total	\$300,000	\$1,300,000

\$250,000 in federal Section 5339 funds has been awarded to this project through a separate agreement.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition. The RCRRA and WCRRA both support this additional funding contribution.