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Meeting date: November 26, 2012

Metropolitan Council Meeting: November 28, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 26, 2012
Subject:	Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 2 with Minnesota Department of Transportation for 2013 Staffing
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes, Section 473.999
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Southwest Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 2 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount of \$734,355 for calendar year 2013.

Background

The Metropolitan Council, on February 22, 2012, authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a Cooperation Agreement with MnDOT establishing respective roles and responsibilities in designing and constructing the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project. At its March 28, 2012 meeting, the Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement and SFAs for the development of light rail transit in the Southwest Corridor. The SFAs, authorized under the Master Funding Agreement, provide a method for the transfer of funds from the Metropolitan Council to MnDOT so that MnDOT can carry out its SWLRT Project responsibilities. Each SFA identifies committed funds, work periods, and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

Rationale

The SWLRT Project Office is requesting that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute SFA No. 2 in the total amount of \$734,355 for MnDOT to work in the areas of design support, right of way, environmental oversight, and utility relocation. MnDOT staff has the expertise and is more cost effective than other outside resources. This agreement also fulfills obligations of the Cooperation Agreement signed by the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT in August 2012.

Funding

The SWLRT Project has funds available from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, and the State of Minnesota.

Known Support / Opposition

The Metropolitan Council and MnDOT have executed Cooperation and Master Funding agreements; both agencies are committed to working together to deliver the SWLRT Project.