

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 25, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Execute 2014 Agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council Policy 3-2-2 and 2008 MN Session Laws, Chapter 152, Article 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 5

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Division/Department: Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) to receive funds in 2014 for the following projects:

Operating

- METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha LRT) - \$9,211,152
- Northstar Commuter Rail - \$6,557,567
- METRO Green Line (Central Corridor LRT) - \$7,530,671
- I-35W South BRT Express Service- \$132,275
- Cedar Ave. BRT Express Service - \$391,866
- METRO Red Line (Cedar Ave. BRT Station to Station Service) - \$1,450,376

Capital

- Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) - \$17,557,338

Background

On August 28, 2013, the Council approved Business Item 2013-225 authorizing the Regional Administrator to submit grant applications to CTIB for 2014 Funding. On October 16, 2013, the Council approved Business Item 2013-271 stating these grant applications were consistent with the adopted 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. This proposed action will allow agreements to be executed with CTIB to accept the grant awards.

Rationale

CTIB operating grant funds will provide 50% of the net cost of transitway operations for calendar year 2014.

The CTIB capital grant for Southwest LRT is for continuing Project Development activities in 2014.

Funding

The CTIB Funding for the operating grants is included as part of the proposed 2014 operating budget to be adopted by the Council on December 11, 2013. CTIB requires that capital projects maximize the use and availability of federal funds and have a 10% local contribution from the state. CTIB grant funds will provide 30% of overall funding and will be used in conjunction with other local sources of funding available to the SWLRT Project, including funding from the State of Minnesota (10%) and the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (10%).

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.