

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 28, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 13, 2013

Subject: Central Corridor (Green Line): Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 10 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Staffing.

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 10 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$750,562 for calendar year 2014.

Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT at its May 23, 2007 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Central Corridor. Each SFA under the Master Funding Agreement provides a method for the transfer of funds from the Metropolitan Council to MnDOT so that MnDOT can carry out its Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project responsibilities.

The funds reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the delivery of the CCLRT Project. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

Rationale

The Central Corridor Project Office is requesting that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute SFA No. 10 in the total amount not to exceed \$750,562 for MnDOT to work in the areas of right of way, construction support, and environmental oversight. MnDOT staff has the expertise and is more cost effective than outside resources.

Funding

The CCLRT Project has funds available from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Regional Rail Authorities, and Federal Transit Administration Full Funding Grant Agreement.

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 CCLRT Project.