

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 28, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 13, 2013

Subject: Southwest Light Rail (Green Line Extension): Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 3 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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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 3 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$1,905,886 for calendar year 2014.

Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT at its March 28, 2012 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Southwest 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 Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project responsibilities. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed, period of work, and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

Rationale

The Southwest Project Office is requesting that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute SFA No. 3 in the total amount not to exceed \$1,905,886 for MnDOT to work in the areas of design support, right of way, environmental oversight, utility relocation, and other related tasks during calendar year 2014. MnDOT staff has the expertise and is more cost effective than outside resources.

Funding

Funds are available in the SWLRT Project budget from the State of Minnesota, Counties Transit Improvement Board, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

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.