

Transportation Committee

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Subject: CTIB 2013 Project Grant Applications Consistency with the 2030 TPP

District(s), Member(s): All

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council finds the seven project grant applications (summarized in the Attachment) submitted to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for CY 2014 funding to be consistent with the Council's 2030 Transportation Policy Plan adopted November 2010.

Background

The 2008 state legislation which authorized the quarter cent sales tax for transitways capital and operating purposes specified that a grant award for a transit project located within the metropolitan area may be funded only after the Metropolitan Council reviews the project for consistency with the transit portion of the Transportation Policy Plan.

For the 2013 grant process, seven project grant applications were submitted to the CTIB to receive funding during CY 2014. Washington County, which receives a guaranteed amount of 3% of the sales tax revenues, did not submit a project application for 2013 and asked that the earned amount be deferred for programming at a later date. The attached table lists the project name, grant applicant, funding requested, provides a short description of the project and a recommendation regarding the project's consistency with the 2030 TPP. It is recommended that all of the submitted applications be found consistent with the plan.

Rationale

Under state law, the projects cannot be funded until a determination has been made by the Council regarding the project's consistency with the transit portion of the Council's Transportation Policy Plan. The consistency finding will allow the CTIB to award grants to the project applicants for CY 2014.

Funding

None required.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Business Item 2013-271 Attachment

Summary of CTIB CY 2014 Project Grant Applications

	Project Name	Project Applicant	Funding Request	Project Description	Recommendation on Consistency with the 2030 TPP
<i>Operating Projects</i>					
1	Blue Line (Hiawatha LRT) Operations	Metropolitan Council	\$9,211,00	This project requests 50% of the net cost to operate Hiawatha LRT from Jan.1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2014.	Consistent: The Blue Line (Hiawatha LRT) is a completed transitway.
2	Northstar Commuter Rail Operations	Metropolitan Council	\$6,558,000	This project requests 50% of the net cost for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area’s share to operate Northstar Commuter Rail from Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2014.	Consistent: Northstar is a completed transitway.
3	Red Line (Cedar Avenue) Lakeville and Cedar Grove BRT Express Operations	Metropolitan Council	\$695,000	This project requests 50% of the net cost to operate BRT express service from the Lakeville Cedar park-and-ride and the Cedar Grove transit center on the Cedar Avenue BRT line from Jan. 1,2014 – Dec. 31, 2014. Also included are the operations and maintenance costs of these facilities and the Apple Valley Transit Station.	Consistent: The 2030 TPP identifies Cedar Avenue BRT as a transitway that is complete/in construction/final design/preliminary engineering. Station-to-station service began operating in June 2013 and the BRT express services have been in operation since 2009.
4	Red Line (Cedar Ave. BRT) Station to Station Service	Metropolitan Council	\$2,869,000	This project requests 50% of the net cost for station-to-station BRT service from Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2014 and the facility operations and maintenance costs for the 140th and 147th Street Station stops.	Consistent: The 2030 TPP identifies Cedar Ave. BRT as a transitway that is complete/in construction/final design/preliminary engineering. Station-to-station service began operating in June 2013.
5	I-35W South BRT Express Operations	Metropolitan Council	\$133,000	This project requests 50% of the net cost to operate BRT express service from the Lakeville Kenrick Avenue park-and-ride on the I-35W BRT line from Jan.1, 2014 –Dec. 31, 2014..	Consistent: The 2030 TPP identifies I-35W BRT (Orange Line) as a transitway that is complete/in construction/final design/preliminary engineering. Elements of the project are presently constructed, with some BRT express service operating in the corridor.

	Project Name	Project Applicant	Funding Request	Project Description	Recommendation on Consistency with the 2030 TPP
6	Green Line (Central LRT) Operations	Metropolitan Council	\$6,189,000	This project requests 50% of the net cost to operate Central Corridor LRT from start-up in summer 2014 – Dec. 31, 2014.	Consistent: The 2030 TPP identifies the Green Line as a transitway that is complete/in construction/final design/preliminary engineering. Service is expected to begin operating in summer 2014.
Capital Projects					
7	Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Capital	Metropolitan Council	\$17,000,000	This project requests funds to be used toward a portion of the Project Development phase activities of the Southwest LRT Project, including but not limited to the engineering, design , and environmental processes.	Consistent: The 2030 TPP identifies the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) as a transitway that is complete/in construction/final design/preliminary engineering.