

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 11, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 27, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Amend Lease Between Metropolitan Council and Griggs Midway Corporation
District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures, Federal Transit Administration Circular 4220.1F Third Party Contracting Guidance

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor LRT Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a fourth amendment to the lease agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Griggs Midway Corporation for CCLRT Project closeout activities for the period September 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$185,000 and a total lease amount not to exceed \$3,445,000.

Background

The CCLRT Project needs office space through February 2015 to complete project close-out activities. The current CCLRT lease expires on August 31, 2014. Council action is required to authorize amendments to the lease to extend the terms through the project close-out period.

Rationale

CCLRT staff analyzed several short-term space options and found that extending its current lease for less square footage was more cost-effective than temporarily moving to a Metro Transit facility due primarily to one-time costs of moving and its negative impact on productivity.

Funding

The CCLRT Project has available funds in its base budget.

Known Support / Opposition

None