

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 8, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

**Subject:** Authorize 2015 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 2015 for the following projects:

Capital:

- 1) Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) - \$63,604,736
- 2) Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) - \$15,900,000
- 3) Orange Line BRT - \$3,000,000
- 4) Blue Line Vehicle Procurement - \$6,000,000
- 5) Red Line – Cedar Grove Station - \$9,705,812

Operating:

- 1) Red Line BRT Service - \$1,450,514
- 2) Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service - \$454,583
- 3) Northstar Commuter Rail Service – \$6,297,289
- 4) Light Rail Service (Blue Line and Green Line) – \$22,517,287
- 5) I-35W South Express Service - \$177,216

### Background

On August 27, 2014, the Council approved Business Item 2014-194 authorizing the Regional Administrator to submit grant applications to CTIB for 2015 funding. On October 22, 2014, the Council approved Business Item 2014-248 stating these grant applications were consistent with the adopted 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. All submitted grants, with the exception of the I-35W Express Bus capital grant request, were approved by CTIB. This proposed action will allow agreements to be executed with CTIB to accept the grant awards.

All CTIB capital and operating grants are subject to standard conditions including narrative and financial reports. Additional special conditions of note include the following:

Capital:

- By September 1, 2015 the Council shall identify allocation of a 10% local share (\$15,000,000) for the Orange Line.

Operating:

- The final operating budgets for Red Line and Cedar Express will be submitted to CTIB once MVTA's Cost Allocation Plan is deemed federally compliant by Council staff.

### **Rationale**

CTIB operating grant funds will provide up to 50% of the net cost of transitway operations for calendar year 2015. CTIB capital grant funds will provide a funding share ranging from 30% to 80%, with Cedar Grove Transit Station receiving the highest share of 80%. Capital grants will fund vehicle purchases, transit station construction and project development work.

### **Funding**

The CTIB funding is included as part of the proposed 2015 operating and capital budgets to be adopted by the Council on December 10, 2014.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.