

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 27, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 12, 2014

**Subject:** Central Corridor LRT Project (Green Line ) Operating and Maintenance Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.129 and 473.405

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Operating and Maintenance Agreement for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project (CCLRT) between the Council and the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul.

### Background

Memorializing commitments of local jurisdictions and the Council to maintain and operate the system efficiently, effectively and safely is a key component of the Green Line (Central Corridor) system's long-term success. Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) staff and Metro Transit staff have worked with the jurisdictions along the Green Line to establish O&M agreements, including with the University of Minnesota, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the City of Saint Paul, and Ramsey County. At their request, CCPO staff and Metro Transit staff have also been working with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul (SPRWS) to establish an O&M agreement as SPRWS is a separate entity from the City of St. Paul.

### Rationale

Development of a comprehensive set of operating and maintenance agreements for the Green Line to establish requirements for operating the LRT project through the respective jurisdictional areas is necessary to establish the roles and responsibilities of each jurisdiction and Metro Transit.

### Funding

Funding to implement the obligations of the various operations and maintenance agreement responsibilities of Metro Transit is included in Metro Transit's operating budget. The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul maintenance responsibilities will be funded from their operating budget.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to execution of the Operations and Maintenance agreement. The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul Agreement will also come before their Board for approval.