

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 27, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 12, 2014

**Subject:** Central Corridor (Green Line): Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 11 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 473.3999

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Central Corridor (Green Line) Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 11 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$333,226 for calendar year 2015.

### Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT at its May 23, 2007 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Central 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 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project responsibilities.

The funds reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the delivery and close out of the CCLRT Project. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

### Rationale

Use of MnDOT staff is a cost effective way to gain expertise in areas such as right of way. In addition, MnDOT will assist in project close out in calendar year 2015.

### Funding

Funds are available in the CCLRT budget from the Council Transit Improvement Board, Regional Rail Authorities, and Federal Transit Administration Full Funding Grant Agreement.

**Known Support / Opposition**

The Metropolitan Council and MnDOT have executed Cooperation and Master Funding Agreements; both agencies are committed to working together to close out the CCLRT Project.