

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 27, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 12, 2014

Subject: Southwest Light Rail (Green Line Extension) - Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 4 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 473.399

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Green Line Extension Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 4 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$2,433,400 for calendar year 2015.

Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT at its March 28, 2012 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Southwest 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 Green Line Extension Project responsibilities.

The funds reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the delivery of the Green Line Extension 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 structural engineering, right of way, and environmental oversight. In addition, MnDOT will assist in design support, right of way, environmental oversight, utility relocation, and other related tasks during calendar year 2015.

Funding

Funds are available in the Green Line Extension Project budget from the State of Minnesota, Counties Transit Improvement Board, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

Known Support / Opposition

The Metropolitan Council and MnDOT have executed Cooperation and Master Funding agreements; both agencies are committed to working together to deliver the Green Line Extension Project.