

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: December 7, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2015

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Cedar Grove Transit Station – Authorization to negotiate and execute a Cooperative construction agreement and Lease Agreement.</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	<b>District 5-Steve Elkins, District 15-Steven T. Chávez, District 16-Wendy Wulff</b>
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.59; Minn. Stat. Sec. 473.129 Sub. 7; Minn. Stat. Sec. 473.411 Sub. 4</b>
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	<b>Metro Transit/Engineering &amp; Facilities</b>

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a lease agreement and a cooperative construction agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Cedar Grove Transit Station.

**Background**

Through a multiagency effort, Metro Transit is designing and constructing the Cedar Grove Transit Station. The new station will serve the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit that was implemented along Highway (Hwy) 77 (Cedar Avenue). On February 12, 2014, the Council adopted a center median station with an enclosed walkway connecting to the existing Cedar Grove Transit Station.

Subsequently, The Council applied for and has been awarded State funds for trunk highway transit facility improvements as provided for in Laws of Minnesota 2008, Chapter 152, Article 2, Sec. 3, sub. 2. (d). The State agrees to provide the Council construction costs in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00 in state bonds.

A separate Lease Agreement between the State and Council will address the Cedar Grove Transit Station use of premises and, maintenance and repairs. The lease is to construct, operate, and maintain a Bus Rapid Transit Station within state right-of-way, for the use and benefit of the regional transit providers and public transit system users in general.

**Rationale**

Minnesota Statutes § 473.411, subdivision 4 authorizes the Council to make arrangements with and cooperate with the Commissioner of Transportation for the purposes of constructing, maintaining and improving the trunk highway system.

The Council requests the State participate in the costs of the northbound and southbound bus lanes for the station, reconstructing northbound and southbound inside shoulders, and reconstruction of the northbound inside travel lane and outside shoulders construction.



## **Funding**

The cooperative construction agreement will provide \$2,000,000 of State Bond funds to the Council for construction. This lease agreement does not require funding.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition. This action is supported by MnDOT, DCRRA, and MVTA.