

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 18, 2015

**Subject:** Southwest Light Rail (Green Line Extension) - Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 5 to the Master Funding Agreement with the MN 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. 5 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$2,510,000 for calendar year 2016.

### Background

The Metropolitan Council (Council) on February 22, 2012, authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperation Agreement with MnDOT that established roles and responsibilities in the development of light rail transit in the Southwest Corridor. The Council on March 28, 2012, authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a MFA with MnDOT that established the contractual framework between the parties for engineering, technical, and professional services. The MFA authorizes SFAs that provide a method to transfer of funds from the 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. For calendar year 2016, MnDOT anticipate providing assistance with design support, right of way services, environmental review, construction management plan, and other related tasks during calendar year 2016.

### 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 are committed to working together to deliver the proposed Green Line Extension Project.