

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 18, 2015

Subject: Central Corridor (Green Line) - Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 12 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 a Central Corridor (Green Line) Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 12 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$190,000 for calendar year 2016.

Background

The Metropolitan Council (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.

Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures. The 2016 SFA will reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the close out of the Central Corridor (Green Line) Project.

Rationale

Use of MnDOT staff is a cost effective way to gain expertise in areas such as rights-of-way. The 2016 SFA will focus staff support in the conveyance of rights-of-way to Met Council and matters associated with condemnation of property.

Funding

Funds are available in the CCLRT budget from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Regional Rail Authorities, and the 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.