

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 12, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2016

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Subordinate Funding Agreement with Hennepin County for \$2,605,000

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. 473.399

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) to receive funds from Hennepin County (County) in the amount of \$2,605,000.

Background

The Council and the County entered into a Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (“Project”) Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) (Council contract No. 14I062) effective on January 29, 2015. The Project scope includes certain investments that are part of the base Project, referred to as “Base Project Work,” for which the County will fund the local match to the federal funds.

This SFA provides for 50% local share of the cost to construct the following Base Project Work components in the County:

- Three grade separated trails:
 - Trail bridge at Beltline Boulevard
 - Trail underpass at Wooddale Avenue
 - Trail underpass at Blake Road

The SFA serves as the framework for transferring funds from the County to the Council and defines the authorized funding, the payment schedule, the general purpose of the funds, and a project activity period. The SFA represents the County’s commitment to fund the 50% local share of the Base Project Work. This SFA will be SFA07 (14I062G) with the County.

Rationale

Negotiating and executing this SFA is necessary as a contractual mechanism for County transfer of funds to the Council to pay the 50% local share of the Base Project Work items identified above.

Funding

The Base Project Work detailed above and per the SFA would be 50% funded by the County and 50% funded by the Federal Transit Administration. The \$2,605,000 in local funds from Hennepin County is part of the \$1.858 billion SWLRT Project budget approved by the Council on August 10, 2016.



Known Support / Opposition

The County supports this SFA.