

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 the City of St. Louis Park for \$2,062,928

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 the City of St. Louis Park (City) in the amount of \$2,062,928.

Background

The Council and the City entered into a Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (“Project”) Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) (Council contract No. 14I061) effective on February 3, 2015. The Project scope includes certain investments that are part of the base Project, referred to as “Base Project Work,” for which the City 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 City:

- Louisiana Trail Underpass
- Lynn Avenue Extension and Backage Road
- Trail Bridge Stairs at Beltline Boulevard
- Trail Underpass Stairs at Wooddale Avenue

The SFA serves as the framework for transferring funds from the City 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 City’s commitment to fund the 50% local share of the Base Project Work. This SFA will be SFA10 (14I061J) with the City.

Rationale

Negotiating and executing this SFA is necessary as a contractual mechanism for City 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 City and 50% funded by the Federal Transit Administration. The \$2,062,928 in local funds from St. Louis Park is part of the \$1.858 billion SWLRT Project budget approved by the Council on August 10, 2016.



Known Support / Opposition

The City of St. Louis Park committed support for the Base Project Work construction through the following Resolutions:

- No. 15-102, adopted on July 20, 2015
- No. 15-151, adopted on October 5, 2015
- No. 15-152, adopted on October 5, 2015