

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: December 12, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2016

<b>Subject:</b>	Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of St. Louis Park for \$1.6 million
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	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) with the City of St. Louis Park (City) in the amount up to \$1.6 million.

**Background**

The Council and the City entered into a Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) (Council contract No. 141061) effective on February 3, 2015. The Project scope includes locally funded work for which the City will fund and the Council’s contractor will construct (“Local Work”).

This SFA provides for construction of local work along with the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (“Project”), construction that may include the following components in the City:

- Beltline/CSAH 25 Improvements
- Beltline Trail Bridge upgraded railing and lighting
- Louisiana Trail and LRT Bridges upgraded railing

The SFA defines the authorized funding, the payment schedule, the general purpose of the funds, and a project activity period. The SFA is also anticipated to assign ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the Local Work to the City or its permittees. The SFA represents the City’s commitment to fund the Council’s cost to construct the Local Work. This SFA will be SFA09 (141061I) 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 for the Local Work items identified above. Constructing the Local Work items results in efficiencies for both public agencies.

**Funding**

The Local Work detailed in the SFA will be fully funded by the City.

**Known Support / Opposition**

The City supports this SFA.

