

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 \$4.2 million
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) with the Hennepin County (County) in the amount up to \$4.2 million.

Background

The Council and the County entered into a Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) (Council contract No. 14I062) effective on January 29, 2015. The Project scope includes locally funded work for which the County will fund and the Council’s contractor will construct (“Local Work”).

The 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 County:

- New Trail Between LRT Tracks and CSAH 61
- Fiber Optic Conduit

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 County or its permittees. The SFA represents the County’s commitment to fund the Council’s cost to construct the Local Work. This SFA will be SFA06 (14I062F) 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 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 County.

Known Support / Opposition

The County supports this SFA.

