

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 12, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2016

Subject: Authorization to Execute 2017 Agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council Policy 3-2-2 and 2008 MN Session Laws, Chapter 152, Article 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 5
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) to receive funds in 2017 for the following projects:

Capital:

- 1) Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) - \$137,906,594
- 2) Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) - \$66,000,000
- 3) Orange Line BRT (I-35W South) - \$8,000,000

Operating:

- 1) Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service - \$169,614
- 2) I-35W South Express Service - \$353,343
- 3) Light Rail Service (Blue Line and Green Line) - \$24,536,206
- 4) Northstar Commuter Rail Service - \$6,972,395
- 5) Red Line BRT Service - \$1,552,850

Background

On September 28, 2016, the Council approved Business Item 2016-192 authorizing the Regional Administrator to submit grant applications to CTIB for 2017 funding. On October 26, 2016, the Council approved Business Item 2016-211 stating these grant applications were consistent with the adopted 2040 Transportation Policy Plan. All submitted grants were approved by CTIB. This proposed action will allow agreements to be executed with CTIB to accept the grant awards.

All CTIB capital and operating grants are subject to standard conditions including narrative and financial reports. Additional special conditions of note include the following:

Orange Line

- The formation of an Executive Change Control Board (ECCB) for the project is required. This board will be similar to the existing ECCB on the



Green Line Extension project. Council Members chair and serve on corridor ECCBs.

- Additional CTIB approval is required to expend \$5 million of the 2017 grant, through a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) expenditure approval.

SouthWest LRT

- Council is required to develop a schedule and related documents for the Full Funding Grant Agreement and Certificates of Participation for CTIB review and approval.

Blue Line LRT

- No disbursement of funds is permitted for Engineering until FTA has approved entry into New Starts Engineering.

Rationale

CTIB operating grant funds will provide up to 50% of the net cost of transitway operations for calendar year 2017. CTIB capital grant funds will provide a funding share ranging from 30 to 60%. Capital grants will fund transit station construction, engineering, and project development work.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Stewardship – Operating projects fall within the parameters of the Counties Transit Improvement Board's (CTIB) Master Funding Agreement and demonstrate efficient and effective management of public financial resources of both the Council and CTIB.

Prosperity – Capital projects reflect strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region.

Funding

The CTIB Funding is included as part of the proposed 2017 operating and capital budgets to be adopted by the Council on December 14, 2016.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition