

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 28, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2016

Subject: Subordinate Funding Agreement with Hennepin County for Community Works Grant

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 a Hennepin County (County) Community Works grant for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (SWLRT Project) in the amount of \$3 Million for eligible SWLRT Project items including trails, plazas, wayfinding, and pedestrian areas.

Background

The Council and County entered into a Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (“Project”) Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) (Council contract No. 14I062) on January 29, 2015. In 2015, the Council identified the need to reduce project costs and secure additional local funds to balance the scope and budget of the Project. The Council identified a list of eligible Project items for Community Works grant funding. The Council's costs related to these items will be partially funded through this Community Works grant. The SFA serves as the framework for transferring funds between the Council and County.

The SFA defines the authorized funding, the payment schedule, the general purpose of the funds, and a project activity period. This will be SFA09 (14I062I) with the County.

Rationale

Negotiating and executing this SFA is necessary as a contractual mechanism for the County transfer of funds from Hennepin County to the SWLRT Project. The Community Works grant funding is a critical contribution to the Council’s costs related to the identified eligible scope items.

Funding

The \$3 Million Community Works grant is part of the \$1.858 Billion SWLRT Project Budget approved by the Council on August 10, 2016 and the local funding commitment of \$928.8 Million.

Known Support / Opposition

Hennepin County authorized this funding through Resolution No. 15-0271R1, passed on July 21, 2015.