

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 28, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2016

Subject: Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of St. Louis Park towards the construction of the SWLRT Project

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 City of St. Louis Park (City) to receive \$2 Million as local funding contribution for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (SWLRT Project).

Background

The Council and the City entered into a Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (“Project”) Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) (Council contract No. 14I061) on February 3, 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 SFA serves as the framework for transferring funds between the Council and the City.

The SFA defines the authorized funding, the payment schedule, the general purpose of the funds, and a project activity period. This will be SFA11 (14I061K) with the City.

Rationale

Negotiating and executing this SFA is necessary as a contractual mechanism for the City transfer of funds as a contribution to the SWLRT Project. The Local Funding Contribution is a critical contribution to the overall SWLRT Project cost.

Funding

The \$2 Million local funds from St. Louis Park 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

The City of St. Louis Park authorized this Local Funding Contribution through Resolution No. 15-101, passed on July 20, 2015.