

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 23, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 25, 2017

Subject: 2018 Capital and Operating Grant Applications to the Funding Transitway Counties
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council Policy 3-2-2
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for calendar year 2018 grants from the counties of Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington.

Capital

- METRO Orange Line Est. \$14.1M
 - Dakota County Regional Rail Authority – Est. \$700K
 - Dakota County - Est. \$1.3M
 - Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority – Est \$4.2M
 - Hennepin County - Est. \$7.9M
- METRO Green Line Extension Est. \$215.9M
 - Hennepin County – Est. \$182.1M
 - Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority – Est \$33.8M
- METRO Blue Line Extension Est. \$70.8
 - Hennepin County – Est. \$70.8M

Operating

- METRO Blue Line LRT Est. \$12.7M
 - Hennepin County - Est. \$12.7M
- METRO Green Line LRT Est. \$12.7M
 - Hennepin County – Est. \$7.6M
 - Ramsey County – Est. \$5.1M
- Northstar Commuter Rail Est. \$7.2M
 - Anoka County – Est. \$5.9M
 - Hennepin County – Est. \$1.3M

Background

CTIB was created in 2008 by enabling state legislation and the concurrence of five counties in the region (Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington). Its purpose was to provide a dedicated source for capital and operating funds for



transitway projects serving the five participating counties. CTIB first awarded grants in 2009.

Under CTIB Resolution #35-2017, the CTIB counties voluntarily dissolved CTIB and terminated the Joint Powers Agreement establishing CTIB so each participating county may impose a transportation sales tax and an excise tax of \$20.00 per motor vehicle for transportation purposes pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 297A.993.

Subsequent to the CTIB dissolution, the counties of Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington adopted resolutions to impose up to a one-half percent sales and use tax and a \$20.00 per motor vehicle excise tax for transportation purposes pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 297A.993.

Grant Applications are due November 9, 2017. Council action is a prerequisite for all grant applications in excess of \$500,000 or for applications that staff deem appropriate to bring before the Council.

Rationale

County grant funds will contribute to capital projects identified in the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan and draft 2018 operating budget. State law limits state contributions to LRT operations for 50% of the net operating cost with the assumption that County funds will be used to pay the remaining up to the 50% of the net operating cost. County funds will also be used to pay 41.95% of the net operating cost of Northstar commuter rail operations.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Prosperity

- This business item adds funding for the Metro Green Line Extension, Metro Blue Line Extension and reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region.

Funding

The funding and commitment requests listed above total an estimated \$333.4M, with \$300.8M requested for capital and \$32.6M requested for operating. The listed grant amounts are estimates and will be finalized prior to the application deadlines.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.