

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 28, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 13, 2017

Subject:	Mall of America 2016 CTIB Capital Grant First Amendment
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	16 U.S.C. Section 470 (f)
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the First Amendment to the 2016 CTIB Capital Grant Agreement for the Mall of America Transit Station Improvement Project.

Background

The Mall of America Transit Station Improvement Project involves constructing a reconfigured transit station at the Mall of America’s East parking lot. The station will replace the existing passenger waiting facility, provide a direct pedestrian connection into the mall as well as replace the existing bus station creating efficiencies for bus operations.

With the Council’s approval of Business Item No. 2017-174 on August 23, 2017, all \$25 million project funds from funding partners FTA, CTIB, State Bonds, City of Bloomington and Metro Transit are fully committed. This proposed action extends the Grant Activity Period to December 31, 2019 and amends the Disbursement Schedule to reflect the revised project schedule. The total CTIB grant amount of \$2.25 million does not change.

As part of the CTIB wind down process, CTIB has authorized assignment and assumption of the Mall of America 2016 Capital Grant to Hennepin County effective October 1, 2017.

Rationale

The proposed First Amendment to the 2016 CTIB Capital Grant for the Mall of America Station Improvement Project is to reflect an extension of the Grant Activity period and Grant Disbursement Schedule consistent with project construction beginning after Super Bowl LII.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The project demonstrates three principles of Thrive 2040; Integration, Collaboration and Accountability. The project will further integrate multiple modes of transit allowing bus riders, bicyclists, pedestrians, LRT riders and others to access transit. The project design team has worked collaboratively with City of Bloomington, Hennepin County, Dakota County and Mall of America throughout the design development process to ensure a successful design for all users of the station. This project will also demonstrate Metro Transit is

accountable to making the environment better by reducing bus emissions and improving operating efficiencies.

Funding

All \$25 million of project funding is committed. The First Amendment does not alter funding commitments or funding shares.

Known Support / Opposition

CTIB and Hennepin County support the First Amendment to the Mall of America Station 2016 CTIB Capital Grant.