

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: December 11, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 13, 2017

**Subject:** METRO Blue Line Extension – Amendment to the 2017 Grant with Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes, Section 473.399  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / METRO Blue Line Extension Project Office

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB.

**Background**

On March 2, 2017, the METRO Blue Line Extension 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB was executed (Met Council #171001). This agreement recognized a Maximum Grant Amount of \$66,000,000 and an activity period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The matching funds for this grant were identified as \$44,000,000 from HCRRA. With the dissolution of CTIB on September 30, 2017, this grant was assigned to Hennepin County.

Changes to the project schedule have moved many of the grant activities into 2018. This amendment will extend the grant activity period to April 30, 2018 (previously December 31, 2017) and amend the corresponding Grant Disbursement Schedule. In addition, the amendment will recognize matching funds to the grant from both Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA), as opposed to just HCRRA.

**Rationale**

Executing this amendment will provide necessary funds to the METRO Blue Line Extension project for eligible grant activities in early 2018.

**Thrive Lens Analysis**

The METRO BLRT Extension Project supports Thrive outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity by providing new access to economic and personal opportunity through the project corridor.

**Funding**

This amendment to the 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB, assigned to Hennepin County, will provide the project with funds necessary for eligible grant activities. There is no change in grant funding.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this action.

