

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 13, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 22, 2017

Subject: Hennepin County FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning (METRO Blue Line Extension)

District(s), Member(s): Districts 2, 6 and 7, Council Members Schreiber, Dorfman and Cunningham

Policy/Legal Reference: TOD Policy

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator or his delegate to negotiate and execute a pass-through Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with Hennepin County for the \$1,200,000 FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning grant award.

These grant funds will be used for advanced station area planning and developing implementation strategies along the planned METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau) LRT corridor in Hennepin County as described in the grant application.

Background

As the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for the region, Metro Transit/Metropolitan Council often applies for federal funds on behalf of other agencies. In order to pass these funds through to complete the project, Metro Transit/Metropolitan Council must have an executed SGA with the Subrecipient agency, Hennepin County.

Metro Transit was awarded, through a federal competitive process, a grant for the FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning in October of 2016. The award is for \$1,200,000 in FTA funding with a 35% local match of \$652,500.

Rationale

The Subrecipient Grant Agreement allows Metro Transit/Metropolitan Council to pass through FTA funds to agencies other than the Council to complete the work identified in the federal award.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The proposed Subrecipient Grant Agreement and FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning funding will advance multiple Thrive Outcomes, including Prosperity, Stewardship, Equity, and Livability. Significant examples for the advancement of each of these Thrive goals include:

- **Prosperity:** The station area planning and community engagement activities pursued with this grant program on the planned METRO Blue Line Extension will work to locate job and housing opportunities along the transitway, which will lower household transportation costs for future users.

- **Stewardship:** The 35% local match leverages \$1.2M in federal funds and demonstrates the commitment to build upon the \$1.536B federal and local LRT investment in the METRO Blue Line Extension.
- **Equity:** The community engagement efforts as part of the grant will focus explicitly on underserved populations to ensure these perspectives and needs are integrated into the station area plans, implementation strategies and municipal capital improvement programs.
- **Livability:** The grant will advance livability by identifying and programming bicycle and pedestrian connections to the stations. Land use, zoning, and other policy changes that will be recommended and implemented as part of the grant will also work to improve the experience at and around the stations for station area residents and users of all active modes of transportation.

Funding

The grant includes a federal allocation of up to \$1,200,000 and a local match up to \$652,500. The FTA funding will be passed through from Metro Transit to Hennepin County on a monthly reimbursement basis for the duration of the grant activity, April 2017 through April 2019.

The FTA funds will be amended into the Council's 2017 Unified Budget as part of the Carry-Forward amendment going to the Transportation Committee on 2/27/2017 and Council on 3/22/2017.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this Subrecipient Grant Agreement or the award of the FTA Pilot Planning Grant.

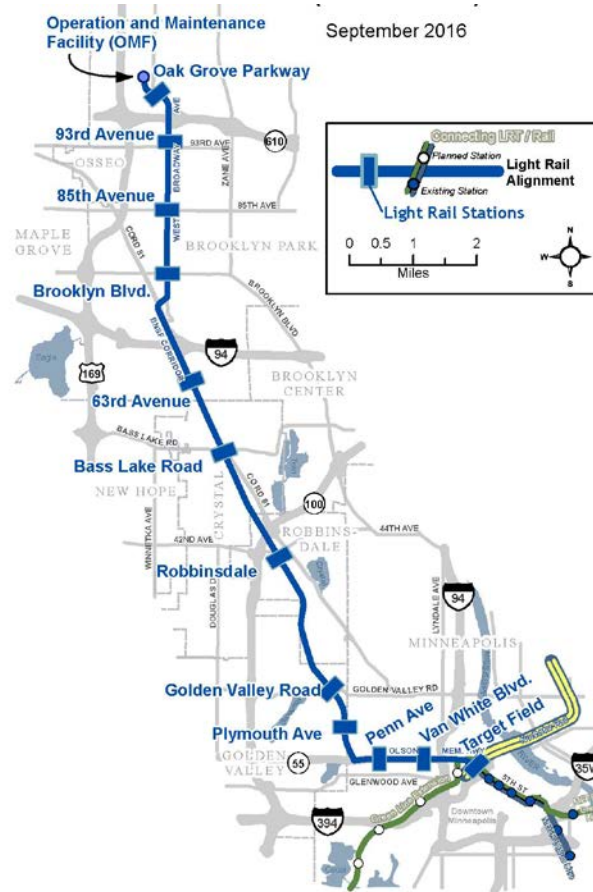
Authorization to Execute Subrecipient Grant Agreement:

Hennepin County FTA Pilot Program for
TOD Planning (METRO Blue Line
Extension)

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METRO Blue Line Extension – New Starts Project, Engineering Phase



FTA Grant Overview

- Metro Transit received a \$1,200,000 FTA pilot grant for TOD Planning (METRO Blue Line Extension)
 - Grant will be matched by \$652,500 in local contributions

Cash Match	
Hennepin County Community Works	\$65,000
Metro Transit	\$50,000
Brooklyn Park	\$62,500
Crystal	\$12,500
Robbinsdale	\$12,500
Golden Valley	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$207,500

In-Kind Match	
Hennepin County Community Works	\$200,000
Hennepin County Workforce	\$100,000
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	\$75,000
Greater MSP	\$50,000
ULI-MN	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$445,000

FTA Grant Overview

- Metro Transit will pass the funds to Hennepin County via a Subrecipient Grant Agreement
 - Metro Transit Oversight: Monthly and quarterly reporting according to FTA compliance requirements
 - Hennepin County will act as the project manager of consultant teams

FTA Grant Overview

- Timeline: April 2017 – April 2019
 - Major Tasks include:
 - Zoning and market analysis
 - Infrastructure plans
 - Housing strategy
 - Economic development strategy
 - Innovative financing strategies for TOD
 - Community engagement to inform all tasks

Thank you!

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