

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 12, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 28, 2017

Subject: Blue Line Extension LRT Project - Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 4 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Utility Relocation

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council's Transitway Guidelines

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a BLRT Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 4 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Utility Relocation in an amount not to exceed \$3.25M.

Background

The Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT when the Regional Administrator executed a Master Funding Agreement in April 2015 for the development of light rail transit for the BLRT. Each SFA under the Master Funding Agreement provides a method for the transfer of funds, either from Council to MnDOT, or from MnDOT to Council, so that the Council and MnDOT may carry out their respective BLRT responsibilities. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

SFA No. 4 between the Council and MnDOT allows MnDOT to reimburse the Council \$3.25M for Council's work on the BLRT's Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Utility Relocation.

Rationale

MnDOT has agreed to cost participation in the BLRT project at an overall amount of \$8.19M. Executing SFA No. 4 will provide the Council with MnDOT's reimbursement of a portion of that amount, \$3.25M, for Council's work on the Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Utility Relocation.

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

Minnesota Department of Transportation will reimburse the Council for costs included in SFA No. 4 using (non-federal) funds which will be available FY 2019.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.