

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 13, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

**Subject:** METRO Green Line Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 14 with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a METRO Green Line Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 14 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$54,000 for calendar year 2018.

### Background

The Metropolitan Council (Council) established the contractual framework with MnDOT at its May 23, 2007 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Central Corridor. Each SFA under the Master Funding Agreement provides a method for the transfer of funds from the Metropolitan Council to MnDOT so that MnDOT can carry out its Green Line Project responsibilities.

Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures. The 2018 SFA will reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the close out of the METRO Green Line Project.

### Rationale

Use of MnDOT staff is a cost-effective way to gain expertise in areas such as rights-of-way. The 2018 SFA will focus staff support in the conveyance of rights-of-way to Metropolitan Council and matters associated with the final two parcels in the eminent domain process.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

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

### Funding

Funds are available in the CCLRT budget from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Regional Rail Authorities, and the Federal Transit Administration Full Funding Grant Agreement.

### Known Support / Opposition

The Metropolitan Council and MnDOT have executed Cooperation and Master Funding Agreements; both agencies are committed to working together to close out the METRO Green Line Project.