

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 23, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 25, 2018

Subject: METRO Blue Line Extension – Capital Grant Amendments with Hennepin County

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two amendments: Amendment 2 to the 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) and Amendment 1 to the Cooperative Funding Agreement (CFA) for Engineering Phase with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA).

Background

On March 2, 2017, the METRO Blue Line Extension 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB was executed (Met Council #171001). With the dissolution of CTIB on September 30, 2017, this grant was assigned to Hennepin County. This grant has an activity period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. On December 13, 2017, the Council authorized amendment 1 extending the activity period to April 30, 2018. The matching funds for this CTIB grant are included in the CFA with HCRRA (Met Council #171003) executed on March 15, 2017. The HCRRA CFA activity period is April 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018.

Changes to the project schedule have moved many of the grant activities into Quarter 3, 2018. These amendments will extend the grant activity period to September 30, 2018 and amend the corresponding Grant Disbursement Schedules.

Rationale

Executing these amendments will provide necessary funds to the METRO Blue Line Extension project for eligible grant activities in 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

These amendments to the 2017 Capital Grant Agreement with CTIB, assigned to Hennepin County, and the CFA for Engineering Phase with HCRRA 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.