

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 23, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 9, 2018

Subject:	Amend Orange Line 2017 Funding Agreement with CTIB
District(s), Member(s):	District 5 (Elkins), District 7 (Cunningham), District 8 (Letofsky), District 15 (Chavez)
Policy/Legal Reference:	Policy 3-4-3
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment 2 to Agreement 161092 with Hennepin County, increasing the grantor's participation from \$8 million to \$14.45 million, and extending the grant activity period to December 31, 2018.

Background

In January 2017, the Council executed contract #161092 with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB). Through this agreement, CTIB granted the Council \$8 million for Project Development and construction activities in 2017, and paid out \$5 million through direct disbursements. CTIB dissolved in 2017, transferring responsibility for the remaining \$3 million of 2017 grant disbursements to Hennepin and Dakota Counties. Hennepin County assumed this CTIB grant agreement and its \$2.58 million 2017 share. Amendment 1 to the agreement, developed in December 2017, transferred the grantor role to Hennepin County, extended the grant period to March 31, 2018, and authorized right-of-way acquisition as a permitted activity, and outlined CTIB obligations incurred by Hennepin County.

For 2018, \$6,450,000 was requested of Hennepin County from their CTIB commitment for 2018 expenditures on the Orange Line project. This funding will be used towards a \$10 million construction payment to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. On March 27, 2018, the Hennepin County Board authorized the requested funds through an amendment of 161092, and authorized extending the grant activity period through December 31, 2018 and increasing the maximum grant amount to \$14.45 million through amendment 2. Other 2018 funds are sought via separate authorizations with Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

Rationale

Council authorization is required as the amendment exceeds 10 percent of the initial agreement value.

Thrive Lens Analysis

METRO Orange Line supports Thrive outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity by providing new access to economic and personal opportunity through the I-35W South corridor. The proposed action advances the stewardship outcome by advancing Orange Line construction in close coordination with concurrent work by MnDOT and other agency partners.

Funding

The proposed action will bring in additional funds from Hennepin County via an amendment to the existing CTIB funding agreement.

Known Support / Opposition

The Hennepin County Board authorized additional funds for this agreement on March 27, 2018. There is no known opposition.