

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 23, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 9, 2018

Subject:	Amend Orange Line 2017 Funding Agreement with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority
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 1 to Agreement 16I013 with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), increasing maximum County participation by \$2,150,000 up to an amount not to exceed \$4,810,000, and extending the agreement term through December 31, 2018.

Background

HCRRA is a partner with Metro Transit in the delivery of the METRO Orange Line project, having committed funds to provide 86 percent of the project's 10 percent local share, with the other 14 percent of the local share being provided by the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority. In July 2017, the Council executed a 2017 funding agreement (16I013) with HCRRA.

For 2018, \$2,150,000 was requested of HCRRA by Metro Transit for 2018 expenditures on the Orange Line project. This funding will be used towards a \$10 million construction payment to MnDOT for work currently being completed under LONP. On March 27, 2018, HCRRA authorized the requested funds through an amendment of 16I013, and authorized extending the grant activity period through December 31, 2018.

Rationale

Council authorization is required for this amendment, as it 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 HCRRA.

Known Support / Opposition

HCRRA authorized additional funds for this agreement on March 27, 2018. There is no known opposition.