

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 28, 2018

Subject: METRO Blue Line Extension – Master Funding Agreements with the Corridor Cities

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 METRO Blue Line Extension (BLRT) Master Funding Agreements with the corridor cities of Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley, and Minneapolis.

Background

There are five cities where the proposed BLRT will be constructed: Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley, and Minneapolis (Communities). As BLRT engineering progresses, various agreements with the Communities are expected and will be required.

The Master Funding Agreement (MFA) establishes a framework for the transfer of funds between the Council and the Communities. The Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) found within the MFA's Exhibits is also a template. Future SFA's will provide the details for each unique scope of work and funding terms related to each SFA.

In December 2017, the Communities received the MFA for review and comment. Negotiation and execution of each of the five MFA agreements will establish the framework for the transfer of funds, but at this time does not obligate Council or Communities for any funding amount.

Rationale

Execution of the MFA establishes the framework for the transfer of funding between the Communities and the Council for work detailed in future SFA's.

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

Funding

Master Funding Agreements do not require funding. Subsequent SFA's will be negotiated and executed with specific scope and funding amounts.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.