

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 21, 2018

Subject: Third Amendment to the CTIB Capital Grant Agreement Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 16 U.S.C. Section 470 (f); Minn. Stat. § 297A.993

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the third amendment to the 2017 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Capital Grant Agreement to extend the grant activity period to May 31, 2018 and increase the amount of matching funds from Hennepin County by \$2,740,465.

Background

The Council and CTIB executed the 2017 CTIB Capital Grant Agreement for Southwest LRT on January 31, 2017, for a total of \$179,834,921 through March 31, 2018.

On September 13, 2017, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the first amendment to the grant to adjust downward the grant funding available for expenditures pursuant to pre-award authority or a Letter of No Prejudice to \$156,758,569 consistent with changes to the Project schedule.

On October 25, 2017, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to execute the second amendment to the 2017 CTIB Capital Grant Agreement to assign the grant to Hennepin County and recognize Hennepin County's 20% funding share effective October 1, 2017.

Southwest Project Office is seeking authority to amend the 2017 CTIB Grant Agreement to:

- Extend the grant activity period to May 31, 2018;
- Increase the amount of matching funds provided by Hennepin County by \$2,740,465 (from the prior authorized amount of \$44,000,000 to \$46,740,465); and
- Clarify roles and responsibilities regarding liability and insurance in the corridor, financing federal grant reimbursements and costs associated with the unlikely event of a project shut down prior to revenue service.

Rationale

This amendment provides sufficient funding to allow the Council to continue Engineering Phase activities for the Green Line Extension.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Construction of the Green Line Extension will increase the region's prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option for 55,000 forecasted residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents in downtown Minneapolis.

Funding

The Capital Grant will draw down funds committed by CTIB and Hennepin County.

Known Support / Opposition

Hennepin County supports the third amendment to the 2017 CTIB Capital Grant for Southwest LRT.