

## Management and Transportation Committees

Special Meeting date: May 23, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council Special meeting of May 30, 2018

**Subject:** Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Green Line Extension Fourth Amendment to the 2017 CTIB Capital Grant Agreement

**District(s), Member(s):** All

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

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit/Green Line Extension Project Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the fourth amendment to the 2017 CTIB Capital Grant Agreement for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Green Line Extension to:

- Extend the 2017 CTIB grant from May 31, 2018 to August 31, 2018;
- Increase the spending authority by \$4,431,337 (from \$179,834,921 to \$184,266,258); and
- Further clarify roles and responsibilities regarding use of contingency, liability and insurance in the corridor, financing federal grant reimbursements and costs associated with the unlikely event of a project shutdown and procedures for collaborative decision making.

### Background

On January 31, 2017, the Council and CTIB executed the 2017 CTIB Capital Grant Agreement for Southwest LRT 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.

On March 21, 2018, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to execute the third amendment to the 2017 CTIB Capital Grant Agreement to extend the grant activity period to May 31, 2018; increase the amount of matching funds provided by Hennepin County; and clarify roles and responsibilities.

Southwest Project Office is seeking authority to amend the 2017 CTIB Grant Agreement to continue Engineering and apply for the Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement later this year.

## **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 55,800 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**

Local funding for the project engineering phase is fully committed through May 31, 2018. This amendment would extend funding through August 31, 2018.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

The Hennepin County Board will take action on the amendment on May 31, 2018.