

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 26, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 12, 2018

Subject:	Amendment to 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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Division/Department:	Metro Transit BRT Projects

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment 3 to Agreement 161092 with Hennepin County, increasing the grantor's participation from \$14,450,000 to \$15,109,000, and extending the grant activity period to December 31, 2019.

Background

In January 2017, the Council executed contract #161092 with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (the "Agreement"). Through this Agreement, CTIB granted the Metropolitan Council \$8 million for METRO Orange Line BRT 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 the counties at 86% Hennepin and 14% Dakota shares. Hennepin County assumed the CTIB grant agreement and its \$2.58 million share.

On May 15, 2018, Amendment 1 to the Agreement was fully executed. Amendment 1 extended the Grant Activity Period to March 31, 2018, updated language related to CTIB's dissolution, and detailed pre-award ROW activity.

Amendment 2 to the Agreement was executed June 29, 2018 and extended the Grant Activity Period from March 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018 and increased the Maximum Grant Amount to \$14.45 million for 2018.

Amendment 3 will increase the Maximum Grant Amount by \$695,000 and will extend the Agreement's Grant Activity Period from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019. This allows Hennepin County to disburse a final payment to METRO Orange Line BRT stemming from the CTIB dissolution process.

Rationale

Council authorization is required pursuant to Policy #3-2-2 for grant applications above \$500,000.

Thrive Lens Analysis

METRO Orange Line BRT supports Thrive outcomes in 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 implementation with agency partners.

Funding

The proposed action will bring in additional funds from Hennepin County into Project 62405 via an amendment to the existing CTIB funding agreement.

Known Support / Opposition

The Hennepin County Board plans to authorize additional funds for this agreement on November 27, 2018. There is no known opposition.