

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 7, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 14, 2018

Subject: SWLRT (Green Line Extension) Authorization to negotiate and execute a Subrecipient Agreement with City of Eden Prairie

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference:

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Eden Prairie (City), the grant subrecipient, related to the funding and construction of Eden Prairie Town Center (EPTC) Station as part of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project.

Background

In 2015 EPTC Station was deferred from the SWLRT Project due to budget reductions. In 2016 the City applied to the Council for federal funding and in 2017 the Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) awarded funding to the City to build out the EPTC Station as part of the SWLRT project. The grant has two components:

- Construction of the EPTC Station (Part A);
- Acquisition of additional right-of-way needed for a pedestrian access to the EPTC Station and for the extension of Eden Road (Part B).

The Council's construction contractor(s) for the SWLRT Project will construct the EPTC Station and the City, as the subrecipient, agrees to allow the Council to withdraw the federal grant funds as needed for payment of the Council's contractor invoices related to the construction of the EPTC Station. The City is responsible for acquisition of the additional right-of-way needed for the pedestrian access and Eden Road Extension.

Rationale

The Subrecipient Agreement memorializes the terms governing: (1) the Subrecipient's receipt and expenditure of the grant funds; (2) the amount and responsibility of the local match; and (3) how grant funds and local match funds will be used to reimburse the Council for the EPTC Station construction costs.

Thrive Lens Analysis

EPTC Station will provide access to jobs and educational opportunities throughout the region through bus and LRT services. In addition, the EPTC Station will serve community members where racial and ethnic minorities comprise approximately 50% of the population within ½ mile of the station.

Funding

The cost estimate for construction of the EPTC and acquisition of right-of-way is \$7,676,950. The Council received \$6,141,560 (80% of cost estimate) federal funding on behalf of the Subrecipient's request from the FTA. The City, as the subrecipient, is responsible for \$1,535,390 (20%) local match. If the final cost exceeds \$7,676,950, the City is responsible for funding 100% of the final costs and expenses over the estimated cost. The federal funding (CMAQ) and local match was approved in the 2nd quarter budget amendment, Business Item 2018-153.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action. On May 15, 2018 the Eden Prairie City Council adopted a resolution committing to providing funding for costs in excess of those covered by the federal grant for the Grant Project.