

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 10, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 12, 2019

Subject: Amend 2017 Orange Line Funding Agreement with CTIB
District(s), Member(s): District 5 (Cummings), District 7 (Lilligren), District 8 (Muse), District 15 (Sterner)
Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-4-3
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment 4 to Agreement 16I092 with CTIB/Hennepin County, increasing Hennepin County’s participation by an additional \$15,421,812, and extending the grant activity period through June 30, 2020.

Background

Hennepin County is a partner with Metro Transit in the delivery of the METRO Orange Line project. The Council authorized the Regional Administrator to apply for 2019 capital grants from Dakota and Hennepin Counties with item 2018-271.

Previous amendments to this agreement, executed in 2018 and early 2019, transferred responsibility of the grant from CTIB to Hennepin County, extended the grant period, and enabled disbursements of CTIB commitments through the county.

\$15,838,488 will be requested of Hennepin County for Orange Line project expenditures. The funding provided through this grant amendment would fulfill Hennepin County’s remaining CTIB commitment, which was assumed with the dissolution of CTIB in 2017.

Rationale

Council authorization is required for this amendment, as it exceeds 10 percent of the initial agreement value.

Thrive Lens Analysis

METRO Orange Line supports Thrive 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 construction in close coordination with concurrent work by MnDOT and other agency partners.

Funding

The proposed action will bring in additional funds from Hennepin County. The Council authorized these funds into the Capital Program with item 2017-159.

Known Support / Opposition

Hennepin County is expected to authorize funds for this agreement on June 18, 2019. There is no known opposition.

