

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 14, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 23, 2020

Subject: 2021 Operating Grant Agreements with the Funding Transitway Counties

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council 3-2-2

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute operating grant agreements for the calendar year 2021 with the Funding Transitway Counties of Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey to receive funds in 2021.

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| • METRO Blue Line LRT | \$13,896,218 |
| • Hennepin County - \$13,896,218 | |
| • METRO Green Line LRT | \$14,393,393 |
| • Hennepin County – \$8,636,036 | |
| • Ramsey County – \$5,757,357 | |
| • Northstar Commuter Rail | \$3,760,810 |
| • Anoka County – \$3,061,531 | |
| • Hennepin County – \$699,279 | |

Background

On November 18, 2020, the Council approved Business Item 2020-292 authorizing the Regional Administrator to submit grant applications to the Funding Transitway Counties for 2021 funding. All submitted grant applications were reviewed and approved by the Funding Transitway Counties. This proposed action will allow agreements to be executed with the Funding Transitway Counties to accept the grant awards.

All county operating grants are subject to standard conditions including narrative and financial reports.

Rationale

County operating grant funds will provide up to 50% of the net cost of transitway operations for the calendar year 2021.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Stewardship – Operating projects fall with the parameters of the Counties Master Funding Agreement and demonstrate efficient and effective management of public financial resources of both the Council and Counties.

Funding

The County Funding is included as part of the 2021 operating budgets adopted by the Council on December 9, 2020.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.