

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 9, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2020

Subject: SWLRT (Green Line Extension) Third Amendment to the Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Authority Capital Grant Agreement for the LNTP Period

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement Policy 3-3

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the third Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority to extend the duration to June 30, 2020 and add \$49,338,784 bringing the total grant amount to \$602,795,681.

Background

In December 2018, the Council executed a Capital Grant Agreement (CGA) with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) to provide \$434,901,943 in funding through August 2019.

The first amendment extended the agreement term through September 2019. The second amendment added \$118,554,954 (\$553,456,897 total) in funding for Project activities and extended the agreement term through March 2020.

The Third Amendment will provide additional funding for the following activities planned for April – June 2020:

- Design support during construction;
- Continued construction activities performed by Civil Contractor;
- Construction activities performed by Systems Contractor;
- Construction activities performed by the Franklin Modification Contractor;
- Design and engineering activities performed by the rail control software (SCADA) contractor;
- Real property acquisition under Pre-Award authority; Appraisal and relocation services;
- Project office expenses including force account, rent, office and technology;
- Third Party agreements; and
- Light Rail Vehicle production.

In March 2020, the Council submitted to the FTA a request for LONP #3 and anticipates receiving authorization in March 2020. Receipt of LONP #3 is required before the Council can award the Franklin Modification Contract. It is anticipated that the Council will receive the Full Funding Grant FFGA in 2020.

Rationale

The Capital Grant Agreement expires on March 31, 2020 and needs to be amended to extend the term through June 30, 2020 and add \$49,338,784 bringing the total grant amount to \$602,795,681.

Thrive Lens Analysis

- Livability
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.
- Prosperity
The Green Line Extension reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region.

Funding

All the local funding for the Project has been committed. The Capital Grant Agreement for the LNTP Period with Hennepin County (\$39,471,027) and HCRRA (\$9,867,757) provides funding for LNTP activities. Business Item 2020-64 JT amends the Capital Budget to reflect this grant agreement.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action. Hennepin County is scheduled to act on the CGA at their March 10, 2020 board meeting.