Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 25, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10, 2021

Subject: 2022 Operating Grant Agreements with the Funding Transitway Counties

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council Income/Grants Policy FM 15-1

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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 2022 with the Funding Transitway Counties of Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey to receive funds in 2022.

- METRO Blue Line LRT $14,333,949
  - Hennepin County - $14,333,949
- METRO Green Line LRT $14,846,785
  - Hennepin County – $8,908,071
  - Ramsey County – $5,938,714
- Northstar Commuter Rail $5,763,662
  - Anoka County – $4,691,621
  - Hennepin County – $1,072,041

Background

On October 13, 2021, the Council approved Business Item 2021-256 authorizing the Regional Administrator to submit grant applications to the Funding Transitway Counties for 2022 funding. This proposed action will allow agreements to be executed with the Funding Transitway Counties to accept the calendar year 2022 grant awards.

Council policy FM 15-1 requires Council approval of income agreements exceeding $500,000.

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 2022.

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 2022 operating budgets to be adopted by the Council on December 8, 2021.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.