

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: January 11, 2023

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METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit – Subordinate Funding Agreement (19I054C) with Washington County

District(s), Member(s):	District 12 (Gonzalez), District 11 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #19I054C (the “SFA”) with Washington County (“the County”) for reimbursement of costs for traffic signal systems for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Gold Line Project”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,701,040.00.

Background

In 2020, the Council and the County entered into Master Funding Agreement #19I054 to establish a framework for interagency funding transfers for the Gold Line Project

The Gold Line Project requires reconstruction of a number of roadways along the project alignment, including roadway intersections with existing or proposed traffic signal equipment. Fifteen of these traffic signal systems are within Washington County. This SFA provides reimbursement funds to the County for procurement of replacement and new traffic signal equipment and staff time for building, testing, and inspection of the equipment following installation by the Gold Line Project.

Rationale

Council Policy requires Interagency Agreements greater than \$500,000.00 be approved by the Council.

Council and County staff worked together to identify the specific equipment for these signal systems that fit the long-term operations and maintenance needs of the County. Reimbursing the County for procuring this equipment is advantageous for the Council because it is anticipated that the County will have a role in ownership and/or maintenance of these signal systems. The Council is taking this approach with other traffic signal systems on the Gold Line Project needing

replacement that are owned and/or maintained by other jurisdictions, including the City of St. Paul and MnDOT.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options will advance the Thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The Gold Line Project advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

Funding

Funds for this SFA are an eligible cost and are included in the Gold Line Project budget and the Council's authorized capital budget under Project #61402.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to Small Business Inclusion associated with this action.

