

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 14, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 23, 2022

Subject: Gold Line Utility Reimbursement Agreement with Minnesota Pipeline Company, LLC

District(s), Member(s): District 12 (Gonzalez), District 11 (Vento),

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 14-1 Procurement Policy, FM14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Utility Reimbursement Agreement (“URA”) (#21M092) with Minnesota Pipeline Company, LLC (“Minnesota Pipeline”) for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Project”) for an amount up to \$700,000.

Background

Construction of the Project includes a two-lane concrete busway, bituminous trail, storm pipes, lighting, and traffic management system within the existing Minnesota Pipeline corridor in the cities of Oakdale and Woodbury. It has been determined that the Project will impact Minnesota Pipeline’s facilities; this URA establishes a general framework for coordinating the utility work. Specifically, the URA outlines work being done by the Project and work being done by Minnesota Pipeline and provides a mechanism for reimbursing the Minnesota Pipeline for work done by them. Reimbursable expenses include protection in place, removal and modification of their facilities as well as staff time.

Rationale

Council Policy requires that any contracts or agreements over \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

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

Funding will be available under a Construction phase Capital Grant Agreement between the Council and the Gold Line Joint Powers Board (JPB) that the Council approved at its January 26, 2022 meeting.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business inclusion associated with the agreement.