

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: November 14, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: November 30, 2022

Business Item: 2022-282

Northstar and Sherburne County 2023 Subordinate Funding Agreement

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Metropolitan Council FM 15-1
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the Sherburne County Regional Railroad Authority for subsidy funding of Northstar Commuter Rail 2023 Operations.

Operating

- Northstar Commuter Rail \$1,117,526

Background

The Council and SCRRA are parties to a Northstar Corridor Commuter Rail Master Operations Funding Agreement effective on or about May 30, 2007, to establish a mechanism for transferring funds from the Sherburne County Regional Railroad Authority for the operations of a commuter rail transit system along the Northstar Corridor from downtown Minneapolis to Big Lake, MN. The parties to the Master Operations Funding Agreement provided in that agreement the local funding for the annual operations of the Commuter Rail Line would be determined in subsequent Subordinate Funding Agreements. This Subordinate Funding Agreement is for the 2023 Sherburne County 8.05% share of the net subsidy of the 2023 Northstar Commuter Rail.

Council Policy FM 15-1 requires Council approval on income agreements exceeding \$500,000.

Rationale

The Subordinate Funding Agreement will provide the 2023 Sherburne County 8.05% of the net subsidy of the 2023 Northstar Commuter Rail Operations 2023.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Prosperity

- This business item adds operating funding and reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region.

Stewardship

- Operating projects fall within the parameters of the Subordinate Funding Agreement and demonstrate efficient and effective management of public financial resources of both the Council and County.

Funding

The County Funding is included as part of the 2023 operating budgets to be adopted by the Council on December 14, 2022.

Small Business Inclusion

These are income subsidy agreements for Light Rail and Commuter Rail Operations.

