

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: October 26, 2022

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METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project Subordinate Funding Agreement No.8 (14I044H) with MnDOT for 2023 Staffing

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / METRO Blue Line Extension Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #8 (14I044H) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") in an amount not to exceed \$1,814,079.

Background

In 2015, the Council entered into a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with MnDOT for the development of the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project ("the Project"). Each Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) under the MFA provides a method for the transfer of funds and defines the specific purpose of the expenditures.

This SFA will allow the Council to reimburse MnDOT for eligible professional services costs incurred during calendar year 2023 that are related to the Project. In 2023, MnDOT will assist the Project in design support, environmental oversight, utility coordination, and right-of-way management activities.

Rationale

Use of MnDOT staff is a cost-effective way to provide expertise in areas such as engineering and design, construction oversight, permitting, and right-of-way coordination.

Council Policy requires Interagency Agreements valued at greater than \$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 Blue Line Extension 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 for this SFA is fully provided through an executed Capital Grant Agreement with Hennepin County and a Cooperative Funding Agreement with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and incorporated into the Council's Authorized Capital Budget under Project #61403.

Small Business Inclusion

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

