Business Item

Transportation Committee



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METRO Gold Line Acquisition of Parcel 318 (Regan)

District(s), Member(s): District 11 (Vento), District 12 (Gonzalez), District 13 (Lee)

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

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Division/Department: Metro Transit Capital Programs – METRO Gold Line Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to acquire Parcel 318 (Regan) at the appraised amount of \$1,007,800, for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project ("Project").

Background

Parcel 318 is a vacant piece of property that is approximately 36 acres in size and located in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of I-694 and I-94 in the City of Oakdale. The property rights being acquired include a Permanent Transportation Easement, Permanent Drainage Easement and a Permanent Drainage and Utility Easement; a Temporary Construction Easement is being acquired for guideway and stormwater ponds. (See Attachment A).

The Council appraised the parcel in August 2021. After the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") reviewed and concurred with the appraisal, the Council made an offer of \$1,007,800. The property owner accepted the offer in April 2022, subject to Council approval.

Rationale

Council Policy 14-2 requires that any administrative settlements for property acquisition over \$1,000,000 be approved by the Council.

The property owner has accepted the offer at the appraised value, which is a reasonable amount, the FTA has concurred in the amount, and it is in the best interest of the Gold Line Project Office to proceed with closing and making payment to the owner.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options advances 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

Local funding is fully provided through an executed Capital Grant Agreement with the Gold Line Joint Powers Board and incorporated into the Council's Authorized Capital Budget under Project #61402.

Small Business Inclusion

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

RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL LAYOUT

C.S. 8200(GLB)

S.P. 9909**-**04

COUNTY: WASHINGTON

PARCEL NUMBER: 318 Main 200 SCALE



SCALE 1'' = 200 ft.

