

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: July 12, 2023

## Business Item: 2023-132 SW

METRO F Line – Master Partnership Contract with MnDOT, Work Order #12 (22I003L)

**District(s), Member(s):** District 2 (Chamblis), District 7 (Osman)  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** FM 15-1 – Income / Grants Policy  
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Work Order #12 (22I003L) issued under 22I003, the Master Partnership Contract ("MPC"), with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT"). Under the Work Order, the Council will receive approximately \$2,400,000 from MnDOT for preliminary design services for Trunk Highway 65 to be completed in coordination with the METRO F Line project.

### Background

The Council and MnDOT have entered into an MPC for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. The MPC allows the issuance of work orders between agencies to perform services in support of Metro Transit's capital projects.

Work Order #12 will allow the Council, as part of the F Line project, to provide MnDOT preliminary design services for improvements to Trunk Highway 65 in the amount of approximately \$2,400,000. Completing the Trunk Highway 65 preliminary design work under the F Line design contract (22P400) benefits both Metro Transit and MnDOT by streamlining resolution of design issues within the F Line corridor, allowing for the concurrent design of complementary roadway and BRT improvements.

### Rationale

Council Policy requires intergovernmental agreements valued at greater than \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The F Line will upgrade Route 10, one of Metro Transit's highest ridership bus routes. Investment in high-quality transit options in the Route 10 corridor 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 F Line project advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by improving transit access for people with low incomes and communities of color. About 40 percent of Route 10 customers live in low-income households, and over half of Route 10 customers are people of color. Investment in the F Line will provide riders with faster and more reliable service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience. The proposed action also advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by planning for F Line corridor improvements efficiently with regional partnership from MnDOT, Hennepin and Anoka counties, the cities of Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley, Spring Lake Park, and Blaine, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

### **Funding**

Funds for Trunk Highway 65 preliminary design services will be provided by MnDOT to the Council through Work Order #12 in the amount of approximately \$2,400,000. The MnDOT funding is separate from the F Line project, and budget authorization is not required.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

There are no direct impacts to small business inclusion associated with the action. Funds conveyed through this Work Order will be used to fund services under contract 22P400. The Trunk Highway 65 preliminary design services completed through contract 22P400 are subject to that contract's DBE goal.

