

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 10, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: June 26, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-148

MnDOT Funding Grant Agreement for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Matching Funds for FTA FY23 Low or No Emissions Grant, Agreement 24I026

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** FM 15-1 Income/Grants Policy

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

### Proposed Action

That the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a MnDOT administered Grant Agreement 24I026 which will provide \$2,902,100 in matching funds from MnDOT's IIJA Discretionary Match Program and applied toward Metro Transit's awarded FTA FY23 Low or No Emissions grant.

### Background

On June 26, 2023, Metro Transit was awarded an FTA Low or No Emission Grant worth \$17,532,900 with an additional commitment of local matching funds equaling \$2,902,100 for a total project cost of \$20,435,000. On November 9, 2023, Metro Transit was awarded state funding from the MnDOT IIJA Discretionary Match Program in the amount of \$2,902,100 which fully covers the local match requirement for the FY23 FTA Low or No Emission Grant. MnDOT has provided a draft grant agreement for the MnDOT IIJA Discretionary Match Program which requires negotiation and execution to proceed.

### Rationale

Income Grants Policy FM 15-1 requires agreements exceeding \$500,000 be approved by the Council

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Implementation of the FY23 Low or No Emissions grant and Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan will advance all five Thrive 2040 Outcomes.

- Stewardship is addressed by the Guiding Principles of Technical Viability and Fiscal Impact to ensure that we are responsibly managing our region's finite resources and leveraging transit investments.
- Prosperity is addressed by the Guiding Principle of Equity and Environmental Justice to ensure we are fostering the conditions for shared economic vitality.

- Equity is addressed by the Guiding Principle of Equity and Environmental Justice by working to build a more equitable region, creating choices for all and engaging the community in decision-making.
- Livability is addressed by all aspects of the plan to promote healthy communities.
- Sustainability is addressed by all aspects of the plan to provide leadership in climate change mitigation.

### **Funding**

This grant agreement enables the Council to receive \$2,902,100 from MnDOT to match \$17,532,900 in awarded Federal funds for the FTA FY23 Low or No Emissions grant. Funding will be used in projects 65320 Bus Replacements and 64707 Electric Bus Infrastructure.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

Any current or planned projects that incorporate these funds are subject to Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements.

