

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 28, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: November 13, 2024

Business Item: 2024-251

METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Subordinate Funding Agreement No.13 (#171024M) with MnDOT for 2025 Staffing Support

District(s), Member(s):	District 11 (Cederberg), District 12 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)
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 Projects / Guideway BRT – METRO Gold Line

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement No.13 (#171024M) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

Background

In 2018, the Council entered into a Cooperative Agreement and a Master Funding Agreement (“MFA”) with MnDOT for the development of the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Gold Line 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 incurred during calendar year 2025 that are related to the Gold Line Project. In 2025, MnDOT will assist the Gold Line Project in design and construction support, design consultant closeout, environmental oversight, utility coordination, real estate acquisition, and assistance in developing O&M Agreements.

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.

Rationale

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 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

Funding for this SFA is fully provided through an executed Capital Grant Agreement with the Gold Line Joint Powers Board and an executed Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration 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.

