



Approval of Minneapolis, FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning (Blue Line Extension)

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FTA Grant Overview

- Metro Transit received a \$700,000 FTA pilot grant for TOD Planning (METRO Blue Line Extension)
- Grant funds are for advanced station area planning strategies for the proposed stations in the City of Minneapolis
- Station area planning was separately completed on the other planned BLE station areas outside Minneapolis



FTA Grant Process

- Metro Transit will pass the funds to Minneapolis via a Subrecipient Grant Agreement
 - Metro Transit Oversight: Invoice approvals, Quarterly reporting in compliance with FTA requirements
- City of Minneapolis will hire and oversee Consultant(s) to assist in completing the Scope of Services
 - Council staff will assist the City of Minneapolis and Consultant(s) as needed

FTA Grant Timeline

- December 2025 to December 2027
- Major tasks include:
 - Community and Stakeholder Engagement
 - Visioning and Prioritization Mapping
 - Market Analysis and Feasibility Studies for Housing and Commercial Development
 - Economic Development Strategy and West Broadway Cultural District Planning
 - Multimodal Action Plan
 - Resiliency Strategy

Proposed Action 2025-271

- That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a pass-through Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) 24I050 with the City of Minneapolis for the \$700,000 FTA Pilot Program for a TOD Planning grant award.

Thank You!

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