Transportation Committee

Item: 2008-22

Meeting date: January 14, 2007

For Metropolitan Council Meeting on January 23, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 8, 2007

Subject: Como Park Subrecipient Agreement

District(s), Member(s): Districts 13 and 14, Members Richard Aguilar and Kirstin Sersland

Beach, respectively

Policy/Legal Reference: FTA Master Agreement (http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/14-

Master.pdf)

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a subrecipient agreement with the City of St. Paul for the FTA Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Como Rider Program Appropriation (E-2005-BUSP-246).

Background

In FFY 2005, the City of St. Paul received a Congressional Appropriation in the amount of \$1,457,667. The City will use these funds to assist in establishing a bus circulator route between the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and an off-site parking lot. Funds will be used to purchase buses, contract for service, and design/build two bus shelters.

Rationale

- Metropolitan Council in its role as the MPO and designated recipient of FTA funds for the Urban Area frequently applies for and receives funds for non-designated FTA recipients for various projects.
- FTA requires subrecipient agreements be established to flow through FTA regulations and funding to external partners.
- Council approval is required to enter into interagency agreements, which includes subrecipient agreements.

Funding

Congressional Appropriation (E2005-BUSP-246) in the amount of \$1,457,667; the City of St Paul is responsible for local match.

Known Support / Opposition

- The City of St Paul requested the Appropriation and fully supports entering into a subrecipient agreement with the Metropolitan Council for assistance with FTA grants administration.
- Metro Transit General Manager, Brian Lamb, has agreed to accept the award on behalf of the City of St. Paul, based on the City's request.
- Metro Transit has recognized in its Council approved annual budget the flow thru of dollars for this project.
- The Federal government awarded the Appropriation, and supports the City in entering into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council in order to administer the grant.
- No opposition to this subrecipient agreement is known or anticipated.