

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 24, 2008

Date:	March 12, 2008
Subject:	FAA 2008 Planning Grant
District(s), Member(s):	All Districts & Members
Policy/Legal Reference:	MS 473.145, 473.165, 473.621 Sd. 6&7
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolutions and authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a state-aid agreement with MnDOT Aeronautics for purposes of fund disbursement if a grant offer is received and accepted.

Background

The Council periodically applies to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Planning Grant funding to be used in updating the regional aviation system plan for the Minneapolis-St. Paul region. Results of the system plan evaluation are incorporated into the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP).

Rationale

There have been considerable social, economic, and operational changes in air transportation over the past few years and updating the aviation element of the TPP is timely. A technical update at this time will also allow the Council to take advantage of current updates to individual airport and community plans.

Funding

The funding request is for \$250,000 with a 95% federal contribution and 5% local share; the local share is an in-kind match. Grant funding will be used for consultant technical assistance with the system analysis and update. If a grant offer is received and accepted the Council budget will be amended to include the new revenue and expenditure. A state-aid agreement will also be executed with MnDOT Office of Aeronautics for purposes of fund disbursement.

Known Support / Opposition

Supported by MnDOT and MAC; no known opposition.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

RESOLUTION NO. 08-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A GRANT UNDER THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF 1982

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for aviation planning projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Airport Improvement Program, the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Regional Administrator is authorized to file and execute an application on behalf of the Metropolitan Council, to aid in the financing of an Aviation System Planning grant;
2. THAT the Regional Administrator is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
3. THAT the Regional Administrator is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation may require in connection with applications or projects;
4. THAT the Regional Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the grant contract offered by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2008

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtis, Secretary

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION No. 08-07

APPOINTING AND DESIGNATING THE COMMISSIONER OF
TRANSPORTATION
AS AGENT OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

For the purpose of carrying out federally funded Aviation Planning Projects (herein after “project”), the Metropolitan Council does hereby appoint and designate the State of Minnesota, acting by and through its Commissioner of Transportation, as its agent and authorizes the Commissioner or duly authorized representative:

1. To receive any project monies, either public or private, on behalf of the Council, including money received from the State of Minnesota or the federal government and to deposit such monies with the State Treasurer.
2. To pay to the Council any amount of such project moneys received as may become due under the FAA grant offer for 2008.
3. To participate in all project finance negotiations and discussions with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration regarding said FAA contract.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2008

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtiss, Secretary