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Meeting date: November 8, 2010

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ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 2, 2010
Subject: Authorization to Execute Sub-Recipient Grant Agreement with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority
District(s), Member(s): District 12 – Broecker
Policy/Legal Reference: 2010 Capital Program
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sub-recipient grant agreement with the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for \$250,000 in Federal Transit Administration funds to extend the ongoing I-94 Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study to Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Background

Ramsey County RRA will receive \$250,000 in federal Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis funds to support the ongoing alternatives analysis effort on the I-94 East Transitway. The study of the I-94 corridor from the St. Croix River to downtown Minneapolis began in September and will continue for 18 months. This grant will allow the corridor analysis and public outreach for the study to extend to Eau Claire, Wisconsin as specified in the federal earmark. The county will provide the required 20 percent match with local funds in the amount of \$62,500. The study will recommend a preferred transit mode and alignment for the corridor.

Rationale

This grant allows the Ramsey County RRA to fund the ongoing alternatives analysis effort on the I-94 East Transitway using federal earmark funds appropriated for this purpose. The study extension will accommodate the data collection and public outreach efforts needed to account for all potential users of the I-94 East Transitway.

Funding

The funding for this grant is entirely through federal Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis allocated for the specified project and included in the Council's 2010 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

These funds were requested by the local congressional delegation in coordination with Ramsey County.