

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: November 22, 2010
Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 8, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 3, 2010
Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 6 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for 2011 Staffing
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.999
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 6 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) in the total amount of \$3,244,315 for calendar year 2011.

Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with Mn/DOT at its May 23, 2007 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Central Corridor. Each SFA under the Master Funding Agreement provides a method for the transfer of funds from the Metropolitan Council to Mn/DOT so that Mn/DOT can carry out its Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project responsibilities.

The funds reimburse Mn/DOT for costs incurred in the delivery of the CCLRT Project. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

Rationale

The Central Corridor Project Office is requesting that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute SFA No. 6 in the total amount of \$3,244,315.

Funding

The CCLRT Project has funds available from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Regional Rail Authorities, and FTA New Starts grant. This request is \$900,000 over the 2011 budget for this activity and will be paid for by savings from previous years.

Known Support / Opposition

The Metropolitan Council and Mn/DOT have executed Cooperation and Master Funding agreements; both agencies are committed to working together to deliver the CCLRT Project.