



Transportation Committee

Metropolitan Council meeting: May 26, 2010

Item: 2010-174

Date May 11, 2010

Prepared:

Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Cooperative Funding Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation and Hennepin County for Washington Avenue Bridge

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) and Hennepin County relative to the Washington Avenue Bridge in amount not to exceed \$26,000,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Mark Fuhrmann presented the item. Fuhrmann responded to a question by Councilmember Steffen to clarify the legislative requirement on retrofitting the bridge and the timing of the same. Motion made by Councilmember Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Beach, and approved unanimously.

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Meeting date: May 10, 2010

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ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 29, 2010
Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Cooperative Funding Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation and Hennepin County for Washington Avenue Bridge
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405
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Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen. Manager, 651-602-1942
Rich Rovang, CCLRT Project Director 651-602-1941
Jim Alexander, Assistant Director Transit Systems Dev. 651-602-1937
Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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Background

The Metropolitan Council, Mn/DOT, and Hennepin County have been involved in various activities regarding the design of retrofits to the Washington Avenue Bridge to ensure its ability to serve vehicular and bus traffic with the addition of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT).

The Washington Avenue Bridge work will be included in the Council's Civil West CCLRT Construction Contract, which is scheduled to be awarded in the Fall of 2010, contingent upon receipt of a Letter of No Prejudice from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

This Cooperative Funding Agreement would provide a mechanism for the transfer of funds from the Mn/DOT and Hennepin County to the Council for construction of the Washington Avenue Bridge.

Rationale

The current estimate for the Washington Avenue Bridge retrofit is \$56 million. The retrofit cost to accommodate CCLRT is \$30 million. The remaining cost of \$26 million is to make the bridge structurally redundant which it currently is not.

Funding

This work is to be cooperatively funded by Mn/DOT and Hennepin County. If the full \$26 million is required, Mn/DOT will contribute \$22 million and Hennepin County \$4 million.

Mn/DOT and Hennepin County will transfer funds to the Metropolitan Council for CCLRT Civil West contract on the Washington Avenue Bridge.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.