

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10,
2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date

Prepared: October 26, 2010

Subject: Authorization to Execute Sub-Recipient Grant Agreement with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sub-recipient grant agreement with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority for \$250,000 in federal funds to conduct alternatives analysis and initiate environmental analysis (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) for the Bottineau Transitway.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director, presented this item to the committee. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Beach and passed unanimously.

Hearing no objection, Chair McFarlin stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent Item.

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Meeting date: October 25, 2010

Council Meeting: November 10, 2010

| ADVISORY INFORMATION | |
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| Date: | October 15, 2010 |
| Subject: | Authorization to Execute Sub-Recipient Grant Agreement with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority |
| District(s), Member(s): | District 1 – Scherer, District 2 – Pistilli, District 6 – Leppik, District 7 – Meeks |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | 2010 Capital Program |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director (651-602-1058) Mary Karlsson, Senior Planner (651-602-1819) |
| Division/Department: | Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) |

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Background

Hennepin County RRA will receive \$250,000 in federal Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis funds to support the ongoing alternative analysis effort on Bottineau Transitway. The county will provide the required 20 percent match with local funds in the amount of \$62,500.

Rationale

This grant allows Hennepin County RRA to fund the ongoing alternatives analysis effort on Bottineau Transitway using federal earmark funds appropriated for this purpose.

Funding

The funding for this grant is entirely 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 Hennepin County.