Committee Report

Transportation Committee

Metropolitan Council meeting: February 23, 2011

Item: 2011-53

CONSENT

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date February 14, 2011

Prepared:

Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Subordinate Funding Agreements with the

City of St. Paul

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the following Subordinate Funding Agreements (SFA) under the existing Master Funding Agreement with the City of St. Paul:

- SFA 4 for \$1.2 million for Council reimbursement to the City for City supplied materials related to CCLRT Civil East construction
- SFA 5 for \$600,000 for Council reimbursement to the City for City supplied street light materials related to Civil East construction
- SFA 7 for \$2.7 million for City reimbursement to the Council for sanitary sewer service work as bid in the Civil East construction contract

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Mark Fuhrmann gave a presentation on the item. Councilmember Peterson asked whether the street lights were LED compatible. Central Corridor Traffic Engineer Dan Soler stated that the street lights are not LED; however, they may be retrofitted in the future if the technology becomes available. Councilmember Leppik asked whether any of these lights are designed to reduce upward scatter. Mr. Soler stated both cities have a "dark sky" ordinance to concentrate the light on roadway and sidewalk. A motion was made by Councilmember Leppik, seconded by Councilmember Aguilar, and then approved unanimously. The item will be placed on the consent agenda.



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Business Item: 2011-53

Meeting date: February 14, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 23, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 7, 2011

Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Subordinate Funding

Agreements with the City of St. Paul

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405

Staff Prepared/Presented: Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510

Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen. Manager, 651-602-1942

Rich Rovang, AGM - Transit Systems Dev., 651-602-1941

Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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Background

The Metropolitan Council, at its September 9, 2009 meeting, established the contractual framework with the City of St. Paul when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project. The Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) provides the mechanism to transfer funds between the Metropolitan Council and the City of St. Paul.

SFA 4 – The Metropolitan Council will reimburse the City of St. Paul for \$1.2 million of City supplied materials (traffic signal cabinets and controllers) related to Civil East construction.

SFA 5 – The Metropolitan Council will reimburse the City of St. Paul for \$600,000 for City supplied street light material costs related to Civil East construction.

SFA 7 – The City of St. Paul will reimburse the Metropolitan Council for \$2.7 million sanitary sewer work as bid in the Civil East construction contract.

Rationale

SFA 4 and 5 - The City of St. Paul has requested that they supply the traffic signal cabinets and controllers and street light materials to ensure compatibility and consistency with the City's traffic control and lighting standards.

SFA 7 – Sanitary sewer service work included in this SFA is a betterment to be funded outside of the CCLRT project budget.

SFAs exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

SFA 4 and 5 – Funding is available from the CCLRT Project budget.

SFA 7 – City of St. Paul will reimburse the Metropolitan Council for the betterment request.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of St. Paul supports the subordinate funding agreements. No known opposition.