

T Transportation Committee
For Metropolitan Council meeting of May 11, 2011

Date April 26, 2011
Prepared:
Subject: Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sub-recipient grant agreements with the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) for the Union Depot Project in the amounts of \$1,542,760 and \$781,994.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Pat Jones, Metro Transit Assistant Director, Facilities Engineering, presented.

Council Member Duininck asked how these funds would be utilized. Jones responded that the \$4.0 million FTA contribution is a small part of the overall funding for the project. The project includes a platform for Metro Transit bus layover (7 buses). These funds will be specifically used for landscaping, inter-track fencing, and other platform amenities (benches, signage, trash receptacles, bike lockers, etc).

A motion by Council Member Schreiber was seconded by Council Member Commers and passed unanimously. After hearing all of the Business Items, the committee approved placing this item on the Consent Agenda for the May 11th Council Meeting.

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: April 25, 2011
For Metropolitan Council Meeting: May 11, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 18, 2011
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority
District(s), Member(s):	District 13, Richard Kramer
Policy/Legal Reference:	Authorized Capital Program
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Arlene McCarthy, Director, MTS, 651-602-1754 Pat Jones, Asst Director, E & F, 612-349-7606 Joe Edwards, Lead Project Manager, 612-349-7676
Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities Metropolitan Transportation Services

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Background

1. In 2011, Ramsey County received \$1,542,760 as a Congressional earmark for the construction of the multi-modal transit hub at Union Depot. These funds are to be passed through to RCRRA, who will provide the required 20% local match.
2. In 2008, Ramsey County received \$781,994 as a Congressional earmark for the design of the multi-modal transit hub at Union Depot. Business Item 2008-279 authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a sub-recipient grant agreement to pass through these funds with RCRRA providing the required 20% local match. This agreement has not yet been executed. RCRRA has requested these funds be made available for use for construction-related activities of the Union Depot Project.

Rationale

This action will allow the Metropolitan Council to pass through federal funds for use by RCRRA for construction-related activities of the Union Depot Project.

Funding

Funding for the 2011 Ramsey County Congressional earmark of \$1,542,760 is included in the Council Business item 2011-065 "2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment" in Project New #12 Union Depot Construct and Rehabilitation.

Funding for the 2008 Ramsey County Congressional earmark of \$781,994 was previously approved by the Metropolitan Council in action item 2008-154 "2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment."

Known Support / Opposition

RCRRA is aware of and supports the Metropolitan Council's intention to execute agreements for these grants. There is no known opposition to these actions.