

**T** Transportation Committee  
Metropolitan Council meeting: January 11, 2012

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date**

**Prepared:** December 13, 2011

**Subject:** Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line): CY2012 Counties Transit Improvement Board Capital Grant

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a CY2012 capital grant agreement for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in the amount of \$13,562,000.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Mark Fuhrmann gave a presentation on the item.

A motion to approve the item was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Duininck, and unanimously approved.

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Meeting date: December 12, 2011  
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<b>Date:</b>	December 6, 2011
<b>Subject:</b>	Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line): CY2012 Counties Transit Improvement Board Capital Grant
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Met Council Policy 3-2-2 and 2008 MN Session Laws, Chapter 152, Article 4, Sec 2, Subd. 5
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen. Mgr., 651-602-1942 Chris Weyer, Project Director, 651-602-1932
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit/Southwest Project Office

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a CY2012 capital grant agreement for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in the amount of \$13,562,000.

**Background**

Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) was created in 2008 by enabling state legislation and the concurrence of five counties in the region (Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington) to levy a one-quarter percent sales tax. Its purpose is to provide a dedicated revenue source for capital and operating funds for transitway projects serving the five participating counties. With the approval of Business Item 2011-280 on October 26, 2011, the Council found the grant application consistent with the adopted 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

**Rationale**

CTIB capital grant funds for the SWLRT capital project will contribute to the successful implementation of the Council's 2030 Transportation Policy Plan, which lists SWLRT as a Corridor under Study or Development. CTIB grant funding will enable the Council to solicit and award contracts for engineering and environment consulting services given receipt of FTA approval to enter Preliminary Engineering September 2, 2011.

**Funding**

CTIB requires that capital projects maximize the use and availability of federal funds and have a 10% local contribution from the state. CTIB grant funds will provide 30% of overall capital funding and will be used in conjunction with other local sources of funding available to the SWLRT Project, including funding from the State of Minnesota (10%), and the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (10%).

**Known Support / Opposition**

On November 16, 2011, CTIB authorized award of a capital grant to the Southwest LRT Project in an amount of \$13,562,000.