

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 10, 2007

Metropolitan Council Meeting January 9, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	December 3, 2007
Subject:	Amendment to Interagency Cooperative Agreement with Northstar Corridor Development Authority for Staff Resources
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Executed Interagency Cooperative Agreement
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit

Proposed Action/Motion

Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute amendment #4 to the Interagency Cooperative Agreement with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority relative to the provision of Council staff resources in 2008, valued at \$1,390,000.

Issue(s)

The need for the Northstar project to continue to draw upon existing Metropolitan Council staff expertise during construction.

Overview and Funding

Metropolitan Council entered into the first Interagency Cooperative Agreement for the Northstar project with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) to provide staff resources in 2005. Amendment #1 was executed for 2006 with amendment #2 executed to reduce some budget staff resources at Metropolitan Council and transfer resources to Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). Amendment #3 was executed to provide staff resources for 2007.

On December 11, 2007, the Northstar project will secure its Full Funding Grant Agreement and is well into construction and procurement of the project's rolling stock. As the lead for purchase of locomotives and passenger coaches, Northstar will require support from Metro Transit rail vehicle staff for on site inspection of locomotives and passenger coaches. In addition, several Metropolitan Council staff are engaged in a full or part-time capacity supporting the project during construction at the Northstar Project Office.

This amendment #4 to the Interagency Cooperative Agreement enables the Northstar project to benefit from in-house expertise that Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit can offer to the project. This reduces the need for external consultant support. This amendment extends the Interagency Cooperative Agreement one year to December 31, 2008. Metropolitan Council will continue to invoice the Northstar Corridor Development Authority for direct salary, fringes and overhead for the hours devoted to Northstar activities and any direct costs in an amount not to exceed \$1,390,000 during 2008.