

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: November 24, 2008

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 10, 2008

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	November 10, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	Intergovernmental Agreement with Hennepin County for Washington Avenue Pedestrian Deck Bridge Column Retrofit Analysis
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Met Council Policy 3-1a
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit/Central Corridor Project Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Hennepin County in the amount of \$194,000 to allow for the transfer of funds between Hennepin County and AECOM USA, Inc. through the Met Council.

### Background

A Washington Avenue Bridge feasibility analysis was completed for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project. The analysis found that the vertical exterior columns supporting the upper pedestrian deck required a retrofit.

The Washington Avenue Bridge lower deck retrofit is part of the CCLRT Project. The upper deck retrofit is Hennepin County's responsibility and not part of the CCLRT Project. Hennepin County and the Central Corridor Project Office determined that the upper deck retrofit needs to be coordinated with the lower deck retrofit so its impact can be included in the analysis of the entire bridge. Therefore, Hennepin County requested that AECOM USA, Inc. complete design work related to the upper deck of the Washington Avenue Bridge as part of Met Council's existing engineering services contract (Council Contract #06P171 executed on August 3, 2007) with AECOM USA, Inc. Hennepin County has agreed to pay up to \$194,000 for the cost of this upper pedestrian deck retrofit analysis.

### Rationale

Met Council would assume no financial obligations on behalf of Hennepin County related to the Washington Avenue Bridge Column Retrofit Analysis Project completed by AECOM USA, Inc. The column retrofit analysis needs to be accounted for separately and uniquely from CCLRT; neither the asset nor the costs associated with the analysis will become part of the CCLRT project in the future.

### Funding

Funding for the Washington Avenue Bridge Column Retrofit Analysis in the amount of \$194,000 will be provided by Hennepin County through an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Met Council and Hennepin County. On a monthly basis, Hennepin County will reimburse the Met Council for the work performed by AECOM USA, Inc. under Council Contract #06P171. Met Council will assume no financial obligations. Funds will pass from Hennepin County to AECOM USA, Inc. through the Met Council.

### Known Support / Opposition

Hennepin County authorized payment up to \$194,000 at its board meeting October 21, 2008.