

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: **November 24, 2008**

For Metropolitan Council meeting: **December 10, 2008**

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	November 10, 2008
Subject:	Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 3 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Central Corridor Light Rail Project
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Mn Statutes, Section 473.399
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 3 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) in the total amount of \$3,086,454 for the Central Corridor Light Rail Project.

Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MN/DOT at its May 23, 2007 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Central Corridor. Each SFA under the Master Funding Agreement provides a method for the transfer of funds from the Council to MN/DOT so that MN/DOT can carry out its responsibilities.

The funds reimburse MN/DOT for costs incurred in the delivery of the Central Corridor Light Rail Project. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed, the specific purpose of the expenditures and MN/DOT's responsibilities.

Rationale

The Central Corridor Project Office is now requesting that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute SFA No. 3 in the total amount of \$3,086,454 for professional services and contracted property acquisition services.

SFA No. 3 includes \$1,656,000 for property acquisition services along with \$1,430,454 for professional services for a total of \$3,086,454. The property acquisition services will be for appraisal and appraisal review of properties. As the Project moves from preliminary engineering into final design in 2009, FTA permits acquisition of properties upon approval to enter Final Design.

Funding

Funding in the amount of \$43.9 million is currently available for Preliminary Engineering and Advancing Preliminary Engineering activities. This amount is recommended to increase by \$69.0 million to a total of \$122.9 million in the 2009 Capital Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

Governor Pawlenty issued Executive Order 08-13 designating Metropolitan Council as the lead agency for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit where the Commissioner of Transportation has entered into a cooperation agreement with the Council.