

T Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: July 13, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: July 22, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 2, 2009
Subject:	Counties Transit Improvement Board 2009 Grant Agreement Amendment No. 1 for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Metropolitan Council Policy 3-2-2 and 2008 MN Session Laws, Chapter 152, Article 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 5
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian J. Lamb, Metro Transit General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark W. Fuhrmann, Metro Transit Deputy Gen Mgr, 651-602-1942
Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to the CY2009 grant agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project reducing the original grant amount from \$26,011,818 to \$13,362,366.

Background

On September 24, 2008, the Council approved Business Item 2008-252 authorizing the Regional Administrator to submit the Central Corridor LRT grant application to Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) on October 1, 2008. On October 22, 2008, the Council approved Business Item 2008-285 that recognized the Central Corridor LRT Project grant application submitted to CTIB for CY 2009 funding as consistent with the adopted 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

On October 29, 2008, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the CY2009 grant agreement for the Central Corridor LRT capital project for Preliminary Engineering and Final Design in the amount of \$26,011,818.

Rationale

The Federal Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 has appropriated \$19,800,000 to the Council to support the Central Corridor LRT New Starts Preliminary Engineering (PE). The Council and local funding partners agreed that federally appropriated funds be expended prior to expending local funds. The additional federal funds will proportionately reduce the CTIB original CY2009 grant amount of \$26,011,818 to \$13,362,366.

Funding

CTIB Grant Amendment No. 1 provides \$13,362,366. This reduction is proportionately offset by the federal appropriation of \$19,800,000. With these changes, the total funding available for PE is \$63,398,049. This CTIB amendment does not change CTIB's total funding commitment to the Central Corridor LRT Project of \$274,170,000 or 30% of overall project cost not to exceed \$300,000,000.

Known Support / Opposition

Counties Transit Improvement Board authorized the grant amendment with the Council at its meeting June 29, 2009.