

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 24, 2009

Metropolitan Council Meeting: September 9, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 17, 2009

Subject: Master Funding Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project with the St. Paul Water Board of Commissioners

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with the Metropolitan Council

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/CCPO

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project with the St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners. Metropolitan Council execution of this Agreement is contingent upon receipt of a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Staff will report on the current status of the LONP at the meeting.

Background

The St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners executed the Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with the Metropolitan Council on May 12, 2009. The Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Construction and Relocation Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners on May 13, 2009.

The Metropolitan Council and the St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners will need a Master Funding Agreement to permit Council payment to the Board of Water Commissioners for their inspection staff labor. Further, the Agreement will also provide for the Board of Water Commissioners to pay the Council for desired betterments for Advanced Utility Construction on 4th Street, through downtown and along University Avenue.

Rationale

A Master Funding Agreement will establish a financial framework between the Metropolitan Council and the St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners. Subordinate Funding Agreements (SFA) under the Master Funding Agreement will define the specific scope and purpose, the amount of committed funds and responsible payer.

Funding

Project funds in the amount of \$101.2 million are currently authorized in the Council adopted Capital Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

The St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners executed the Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with the Metropolitan Council on May 12, 2009.