

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 23, 2009

Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 9, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 19, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for Transit and Rail Operations/Capital Funding
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
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) to receive operating and capital funds for CY10 for the following projects:

Operating:

- Hiawatha LRT - \$7,295,352
- Northstar Commuter Rail - \$5,726,553
- I-35W BRT - \$106,017
- Cedar Ave. BRT - \$165,881

Capital:

- I-35W BRT \$1,773,000

Background

On September 9, 2009, the Council approved Business Item 2009-293 authorizing the Regional Administrator to submit these operating and capital grant applications to CTIB. The Council grant applications were consistent with the adopted 2030 Transportation Policy Plan and proposed 2010 Operating Budget. On November 18, 2009 CTIB awarded these operating and capital grants. This proposed action will allow contracts to be executed with CTIB to accept the grant awards.

Rationale

CTIB capital grant funds will contribute to capital projects identified in the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan and assist in reaching the regional goal of doubling transit ridership by 2030. CTIB grant funds for operations will allow the Council to take advantage of a new funding source and reduce the need to secure operating funds from other funding sources. In addition, state law limits state contributions to rail operations to 50% of the net subsidy with the assumption that CTIB funds will be used to pay the remaining 50% of the net subsidy.

Funding

The CTIB operating funding is included as part of the proposed 2010 operating budget. Therefore, no budget amendments are necessary. The CTIB capital funding is included in the Metropolitan Council 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.