

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: July 27, 2009
For Metropolitan Council Meeting: Aug. 12, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	July 21, 2009
Subject:	Southwest Corridor Sub-recipient Grant Agreement with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority
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Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.129 and 473.405 FTA Master Agreement (www.fta.dot.gov/documents/14-Master.pdf)
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering &Facilities

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sub-recipient grant agreement (SGA) with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) passing through a \$534,375 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis (AA) grant for the Southwest Corridor project.

Background

The Southwest Corridor transitway is a proposed 14-mile high frequency exclusive transitway serving the communities of Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Edina, Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis. The Southwest Corridor transitway study, under HCRRA, is continuing the process to finalize the locally preferred alternative (LPA) and prepare documentation needed to request FTA approval of the LPA and entry into Preliminary Engineering (PE).

Rationale

FTA requires that SGAs be established to ensure that FTA regulations flow through to all external partners administering FTA funds. Metropolitan Council (Council) approval is required to enter into interagency agreements, which includes SGAs.

Funding

The Council has made an application to the FTA on behalf of HCRRA for \$534,375 in AA funding, and is expected to receive the award in the coming days. On July 8, 2009, the Council amended the 2009 Authorized Capital Program and 2009 Capital Budget to recognize the \$534,375 in federal funds. HCRRA will provide \$133,594 in local funds as the required match for the federal funds.

Known Support / Opposition

None known.