

T Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: Sept. 27, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: Oct. 13, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 10, 2010
Subject:	Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Capital Budget Authorization for Letter of No Prejudice for Operation and Maintenance Facility Construction Work
Districts/ Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2010 Capital Program and Budget
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/ Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the use of approved Regional Transit Capital funds under Federal Transit Administration Letter of No Prejudice Authority for:

- Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF) Yard Site Preparation in an amount of \$1,000,000, and
- OMF Building Limited Notice to Proceed in an amount of \$1,583,600.

Use of each dollar amount is contingent upon receipt of Letters of No Prejudice (LONP) for each activity from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Background

The Metropolitan Council amended the 2010 Capital Budget on February 24, 2010 (2010-45). Within this amendment, the Council approved the use of \$2,583,600 in Regional Transit Capital funds to complete the state funding commitment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT).

The Central Corridor Project Office has identified two contracts that would benefit from work being performed under Letters of No Prejudice. Both contracts relate to the future OMF site located on the existing Diamond Products property, the building at 4th Street and Broadway Street and adjacent property.

- The OMF Yard Site Preparation scope includes demolition, site grading, and surcharging (applying a force or load) to the compressible soils on the future site of the OMF yard. Because of poor soil conditions in the yard, surcharging is required to mitigate future settlement and avoid significantly greater costs that would be

realized if the soil conditions were to be overcome by driving piling. Since this surcharge load must be in place for two years, work must begin in the fall of 2010.

- o The OMF Building Limited Notice to Proceed scope includes mobilization, interior demolition and roof removal, and early material procurements.

Rationale

The proposed action allows the use of the Regional Transit Capital funds for schedule critical contract work under two LONPs.

The OMF Yard Site Preparation surcharge is estimated to remain in place for two years. Delay in starting the surcharge process has the potential of delaying the OMF yard construction or the Systems contract. This delay would result in an impact to the overall project cost and/or adversely impact the project schedule.

The OMF Building Limited Notice to Proceed work will ensure the OMF construction work remains on schedule for revenue operation in 2014.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital funds in the amount of \$2,583,600 are included in the 2010 amended Capital Budget for Central Corridor LRT.

Known Support/Opposition

FTA supports the LONP approach.

No known opposition.