

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: Nov. 22, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting of Dec. 8, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 11, 2010
Subject:	Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: University of Minnesota Subordinate Funding Agreement – Staffing Services
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen Mgr, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, CCLRT Project Director 651-602-1941 Jim Alexander, Asst Dir Transit Systems Dev 651-602-1937
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the University of Minnesota relative to the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit construction within the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus for \$400,000 through completion of the Project.

Background

The Metropolitan Council, at its June 23, 2010 meeting, established the contractual framework with the University of Minnesota when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project. The Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) provides the mechanism to transfer funds from the Metropolitan Council to the University of Minnesota.

The Metropolitan Council, at its September 9, 2010 meeting, authorized the execution of the Agreement for the CCLRT Project through the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities-Minneapolis campus which included a Construction Management Program stipulating mitigation requirements during CCLRT Project construction, a temporary easement allowing project construction to proceed, and a permanent easement conveying to the Council rights to install and operate CCLRT Project infrastructure on property owned by the University of Minnesota.

Per Article 4.4.A of the Agreement, the Metropolitan Council will reimburse the University of Minnesota in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for all documented University of Minnesota Project Manager and staff time spent to monitor activity and respond in a timely fashion to the Met Council's requests for approval and/or comment during Design and Construction of the CCLRT Project. The duration shall be from the execution of the SFA through the completion of the CCLRT Project.

Rationale

Reimbursing the University of Minnesota for Project Manager and staff time is a requirement in the Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project through the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities-Minneapolis Campus.

Agreements over \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funding for University staff time to liaison with the Project was not originally contemplated in the staffing budget.

Funding to implement the obligations of this SFA is available from Project contingency within the Project's overall budget of \$956.9 million. No adjustment to the Project budget is required as part of fulfilling the obligations of the SFA.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to execution of the SFA.