

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: April 25, 2011
For Metropolitan Council Meeting: May 11, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 18, 2011
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority
District(s), Member(s):	District 13, Richard Kramer
Policy/Legal Reference:	Authorized Capital Program
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sub-recipient grant agreements with the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) for the Union Depot Project in the amounts of \$1,542,760 and \$781,994.

Background

1. In 2011, Ramsey County received \$1,542,760 as a Congressional earmark for the construction of the multi-modal transit hub at Union Depot. These funds are to be passed through to RCRRA, who will provide the required 20% local match.
2. In 2008, Ramsey County received \$781,994 as a Congressional earmark for the design of the multi-modal transit hub at Union Depot. Business Item 2008-279 authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a sub-recipient grant agreement to pass through these funds with RCRRA providing the required 20% local match. This agreement has not yet been executed. RCRRA has requested these funds be made available for use for construction-related activities of the Union Depot Project.

Rationale

This action will allow the Metropolitan Council to pass through federal funds for use by RCRRA for construction-related activities of the Union Depot Project.

Funding

Funding for the 2011 Ramsey County Congressional earmark of \$1,542,760 is included in the Council Business item 2011-065 "2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment" in Project New #12 Union Depot Construct and Rehabilitation.

Funding for the 2008 Ramsey County Congressional earmark of \$781,994 was previously approved by the Metropolitan Council in action item 2008-154 "2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment."

Known Support / Opposition

RCRRA is aware of and supports the Metropolitan Council's intention to execute agreements for these grants. There is no known opposition to these actions.