

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 23, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: June 8, 2011

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** May 2, 2011  
**Subject:** Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project: Master and Subordinate Funding Agreement with Hennepin County  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit/ Central Corridor Project Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute

- A Master Funding Agreement (MFA) for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project with Hennepin County; and
- A Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) for \$325,000 for Council reimbursement to Hennepin County for Cedar Avenue Bridge work related to Civil West construction.

### Background

Hennepin County is proposing to widen the sidewalks on both sides of the Cedar Avenue Bridge over Washington Avenue. A Hennepin County sidewalk widening project is being done this summer, 2011, in order to compliment and match the Metropolitan Council's construction of West Bank Station and associated stair and elevator tower included in the CCLRT Civil West construction contract. The wider sidewalks will provide a better pedestrian environment serving the CCLRT West Bank Station.

The Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County will need a Master Funding Agreement to permit Council payment to Hennepin County for reimbursement of county supplied construction for the Central Corridor LRT Project. The Agreement will also provide for Hennepin County to pay the Council for betterments in the Civil West construction contract.

An SFA will be executed to provide for the Metropolitan Council to reimburse Hennepin County for \$325,000 for Cedar Avenue Bridge work related to Civil West construction.

### Rationale

A Master Funding Agreement will establish a financial framework between the Metropolitan Council and the Hennepin County. SFAs under the Master Funding Agreement will define specific scope and purpose, the amount of the committed funds and responsible payer.

The Metropolitan Council will reimburse Hennepin County for a portion of the Cedar Avenue Bridge work related to the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project.

**Funding**

Funding is available from the CCLRT Project budget.

**Known Support / Opposition**

Supported by Hennepin County. No known opposition.