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Meeting date: November 14, 2011
Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 14, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| Date: | October 29, 2011 |
| Subject: | Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 7 with Minnesota Department of Transportation for 2012 Staffing |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | MN Statutes, Section 473.999 |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen Mgr, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, CCLRT Project Director, 651-602-1941 |
| Division/Department: | Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 7 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount of \$2,204,939 for calendar year 2012.

Background

The Metropolitan Council established the contractual framework with MnDOT at its May 23, 2007 meeting when it authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the development of light rail transit in the Central Corridor. Each SFA under the Master Funding Agreement provides a method for the transfer of funds from the Metropolitan Council to MnDOT so that MnDOT can carry out its Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Project responsibilities.

The funds reimburse MnDOT for costs incurred in the delivery of the CCLRT Project. Each SFA defines the amount of funds committed and the specific purpose of the expenditures.

Rationale

MnDOT staff brings expertise to the project in the areas of right-of-way, construction support, environmental oversight and utility relocation. MnDOT is able to provide these project support services more cost effectively than third party contractors. This agreement will continue to fulfill the obligations of the cooperation agreement signed by the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT in December of 2006.

Funding

The CCLRT Project has funds available from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Regional Rail Authorities, and FTA New Starts grant.

Known Support / Opposition

The Metropolitan Council and MnDOT have executed Cooperation and Master Funding agreements; both agencies are committed to working together to deliver the CCLRT Project.