

T **Transportation Committee**
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 14, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: January 16, 2008

Subject: Como Park Subrecipient Agreement

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a subrecipient agreement with the City of St. Paul for the FTA Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Como Rider Program Appropriation (E-2005-BUSP-246).

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Staff discussed the Como Park Subrecipient Agreement. Committee questions regarding the operation and maintenance of the circulator, and the use of Metro Transit's brand were addressed. The item was approved by the Transportation Committee.

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Meeting date: January 14, 2007

For Metropolitan Council Meeting on January 23, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 8, 2007
Subject:	Como Park Subrecipient Agreement
District(s), Member(s):	Districts 13 and 14, Members Richard Aguilar and Kirstin Seersland Beach, respectively
Policy/Legal Reference:	FTA Master Agreement (http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/14-Master.pdf)
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, #612-349-7510 Julie Johanson, Assistant GM Administration, #612-349-7514 Susan Stensland, Grants Manager, #612-349-7603 Arin Knutson, Grants Specialist, #612-349-7643
Division/Department:	Metro Transit

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Background

In FFY 2005, the City of St. Paul received a Congressional Appropriation in the amount of \$1,457,667. The City will use these funds to assist in establishing a bus circulator route between the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and an off-site parking lot. Funds will be used to purchase buses, contract for service, and design/build two bus shelters.

Rationale

- Metropolitan Council in its role as the MPO and designated recipient of FTA funds for the Urban Area frequently applies for and receives funds for non-designated FTA recipients for various projects.
- FTA requires subrecipient agreements be established to flow through FTA regulations and funding to external partners.
- Council approval is required to enter into interagency agreements, which includes subrecipient agreements.

Funding

Congressional Appropriation (E2005-BUSP-246) in the amount of \$1,457,667; the City of St Paul is responsible for local match.

Known Support / Opposition

- The City of St Paul requested the Appropriation and fully supports entering into a subrecipient agreement with the Metropolitan Council for assistance with FTA grants administration.
- Metro Transit General Manager, Brian Lamb, has agreed to accept the award on behalf of the City of St. Paul, based on the City's request.
- Metro Transit has recognized in its Council approved annual budget the flow thru of dollars for this project.

- The Federal government awarded the Appropriation, and supports the City in entering into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council in order to administer the grant.
- No opposition to this subrecipient agreement is known or anticipated.