

T Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Council meeting: April 28, 2010

Date April 27, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: Master Funding Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project with the University of Minnesota

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Funding Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project with the University of Minnesota prior to University of Minnesota betterment work commencing on the Advanced Traffic Improvements and Civil West construction contracts.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Mark Fuhrmann presented the item. Fuhrmann reported that the temporary easement was acquired from the University for the Advanced Traffic Improvement work last week enabling the Council to issue the Notice of Award and work to commence.

Fuhrmann explained the Master Funding Agreement is a two-way agreement enabling the Council to pay the University for their staff time coordination with the project and for the University to pay the Council for the incremental cost of their requested betterments.

There was discussion on the cost for the betterments at East Bank Station. Councilmember Meeks asked to be on record that she believes allowing communities to make betterments with their funding is setting a bad precedent and allows for wide discrepancy between stations, without any type of branding by Metro Transit.

Motion made by Councilmember McFarlin, seconded by Councilmember Leppik and passed with Councilmember Steffen voting against.

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Meeting date: April 26, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting of April 28, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 21, 2010
Subject: Master Funding Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project with the University of Minnesota
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. Manager, 651-602-1942
Rich Rovang, CCLRT Project Director 651-602-1941
Jim Alexander, Assistant Director Transit Systems Dev. 651-602-1937
Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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Background

The Metropolitan Council and the University of Minnesota will need a Master Funding Agreement to permit Council payment to the University of Minnesota for inspection, labor, and materials/equipment. The Agreement will also provide for the University of Minnesota to pay the Council for University desired betterments in the Advanced Traffic Improvement and Civil West construction contracts.

Rationale

A Master Funding Agreement will establish a financial framework between the Metropolitan Council and the University of Minnesota. Subordinate Funding Agreements (SFA) under the Master Funding Agreement will define specific scope and purpose, the amount of the committed funds and responsible payer.

Funding

Funding is available from the 2008 and 2009 State of Minnesota general obligation bonds, 2010 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Grant Agreement.

Known Support / Opposition

Supported by the University of Minnesota. No known opposition.