

T Transportation Committee

Item: 2012-87

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 28, 2012

Date Prepared: March 13, 2012

Subject: **Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Master & Subordinate Funding Agreements with the Minnesota Department of Transportation**

Proposed Action:

The Metropolitan Council to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute the following agreements with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project:

- A Master Funding Agreement; and
- A Subordinate Funding Agreement in an amount not-to-exceed \$473,000 for reimbursement of allowable staff costs in 2012.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Mark Fuhrmann presented this item and answered a question from Mr. Brimeyer about the status of the Engineering Services Contract for SWLRT. A motion was made by Councilmember Munt, seconded by Councilmember Doan, and unanimously approved. Chair Elkins approved this item to go to the full Council as Consent.

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Meeting date: March 12, 2012
Metropolitan Council Meeting: March 28, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 28, 2012
Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Green Line Extension): Master and Subordinate Funding Agreements with the Minnesota Department of Transportation
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405
Staff Prepared/Presented: Brian Lamb, General Manager 612-349-7510
Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942
Chris Weyer, SWLRT Project Director 651-602-1932
Division/Department: Metro Transit/ Southwest Project Office (SPO)

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Background

The Metropolitan Council on February 22, 2012, authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a Cooperation Agreement with MnDOT. The Cooperation Agreement will establish the roles and responsibilities of the parties for the purpose of designing and constructing the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project. The Master Funding Agreement (MFA) would serve as the framework for the transfer of funds from the Council to MnDOT for reimbursement of engineering, technical, and professional services. Further, the MFA would serve as the framework for transfer of the funds from MnDOT to the Council for desired betterments for the SWLRT Project.

Subordinate Funding Agreement #1 would allow reimbursement to MnDOT for 2012 professional staff costs.

Rationale

A Master Funding Agreement will establish the financial framework. Subordinate Funding Agreements, under the Master Funding Agreement, will define a specific scope, the amount of committed funds and the responsible payer. Master Funding Agreements and Subordinate Funding Agreements greater than \$250,000 require Council authorization.

Funding

Funds are available in the SWLRT Project budget.

Known Support / Opposition

MnDOT supports the Master and Subordinate Funding Agreements. No known opposition.