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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

1:30 PM

Chair: Kevin Anderson, District 7
ViceChair: Marion Greene, District 3
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Angela Conley, District 4
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Chris LaTondresse, District 6

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. August 1, 2023 Minutes - Public Works

2. New Business

Routine Items

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2.B. [23-0323](#)

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Items for Discussion and Action

2.C. [23-0324](#)

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Board Action Request

TMP-0334

Item Description:

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Commissioner Anderson, Chair, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, August 1, 2023 to order at 2:12 p.m.

Present: Kevin Anderson, Marion Greene, Irene Fernando, Angela Conley, Debbie Goettel, Chris LaTondresse and Jeff Lunde

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. July 11, 2023 Public Works Committee Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes .

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Goettel

Absent: Commissioner LaTondresse

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [23-0286](#)

Vacation of excess right of way adjacent to CSAH 40 (Glenwood Avenue) in Golden Valley

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner Lunde

Absent: Commissioner LaTondresse

2.B. [23-0287](#)

Various agmts related to METRO B Line along Lake St and Lagoon Ave (phase two) (CP 2193300); amend project budget; (est county cost: \$16,000,000 Federal Aid, \$6,525,910 State Aid; (recv) \$5,488,205)

CONSENT

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner LaTondresse and Commissioner Lunde

Items for Discussion and Action**2.C. [23-0288](#)**

Approve Amd to Bassett Creek Watershed Mgmt Plan; set Bassett Creek Watershed Mgmt Commission 2024 max levy at \$2,238,000 for projects to improve water quality and reduce flooding

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner LaTondresse and Commissioner Lunde

2.D. [23-0289](#)

Set Elm Creek Watershed Mgmt Commission 2024 max levy at \$814,200 for projects to improve water quality

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner LaTondresse and Commissioner Lunde

2.E. [23-0290](#)

Set Shingle Creek Watershed Mgmt Commission 2024 maximum levy at \$986,265 and West Mississippi Watershed Mgmt Commission 2024 maximum levy at \$159,075 for projects to improve water quality

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner LaTondresse and Commissioner Lunde

2.F. [23-0291](#)

Neg 10 spring 2023 ERF grant agmts for cleanup of contaminated sites, two-year periods, total combined NTE \$1,556,121

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris LaTondresse, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner LaTondresse and Commissioner Lunde

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee for August 1, 2023 was declared adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Karen L Keller
Deputy Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

23-0322

Item Description:

Agmt PW 43-60-23 with USDOT to receive Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program grant funds to develop a Hennepin County Toward Zero Deaths Action Plan; (county recv: \$240,000 Federal Aid)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Agreement PW 43-60-23 with the United States Department of Transportation to receive Safe Streets and Roads for All Program grant funds to develop a Hennepin County Toward Zero Deaths Action Plan at a county receivable of \$240,000; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by the county for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in grants available over a five-year period (2022 - 2026). The program funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injury crashes. The SS4A funding is awarded on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant local or regional impact. The county will use the SS4A planning grant award to develop the Hennepin County Toward Zero Deaths Action Plan.

Hennepin County previously entered into agreements with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for smaller state grants totaling \$75,000 during the 2019 through 2020 timeframe to continue development of a county roadway safety program with the goal of reducing and eventually eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes on county roadways (Agreement PW 23-40-19 (Resolution 19-0202) and Agreement PW 36-40-19 (Resolution 19-0380). Since that time, Hennepin County has hired a dedicated safety coordinator who is planning, advancing, and developing a Hennepin County Toward Zero Deaths program. This SS4A grant from the USDOT supports a significant step forward in developing an action plan to drive positive safety outcomes for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to execute Agreement PW 43-60-23 with the United States Department of Transportation to receive SS4A grant funds to develop a Hennepin County Toward Zero Deaths Action Plan, at a county receivable of \$240,000.

Impacts/Outcomes: This funding will support the county in developing an impactful and equitable action plan in collaboration with our safety partners to move us toward our goal of zero deaths.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners authorizes negotiation of PR00005488, Capital Grant Agreement for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project with the Metropolitan Council and the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), with a grant activity period of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, and with a Maximum Grant Amount of \$75,305,000, of which the County will contribute up to \$60,244,000 (CP 1005877) and HCRRA will contribute up to \$15,061,000 (CP 1000941); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Chair to execute Agreement PR00005488, after review and approval by the County Attorney's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board authorizes the Controller to transfer and disburse funds as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Background:

Resolution 17-0207, on June 13, 2017, approved the assumption of certain not-yet-paid funding commitments for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project (Capital Project 1005877) ("Project"), the assumption of the 2017 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Capital Grant Agreement (CTIB 02201701/Met Council 17I001/County A177882A) with the Metropolitan Council for the Project, and the imposition of the 0.5% Transportation Sales and Use Tax and \$20 motor vehicle excise tax that are the primary sources of funds for Hennepin County contributions to the Project. Through these and other actions, Hennepin County agreed to take responsibility for the remainder of project funding formerly committed by CTIB and the remainder of funding formerly anticipated from the State of Minnesota.

Agreement A177882A set the maximum grant amount at \$66 million, to be paid with a mixture of CTIB and County funds. The parties subsequently amended Agreement A177882A twelve times to extend the agreement's end date, as well as to authorize the expenditure of \$11,087,084 in county funds in addition to the maximum grant amount. The most recent amendment, approved by Resolution 23-0188 R1, extended the end date of Agreement A177882A to August 31, 2023, with no increase to the maximum grant amount.

To date, \$151 million has been contributed to the Project. This amount includes nearly \$64 million provided pursuant to Agreement A177882A, nearly \$17 million in Hennepin County funds and nearly \$47 million in CTIB funds. CTIB also previously contributed \$36 million through prior agreements, and all available CTIB funds have now been paid to the Project. HCRRA has contributed \$48.8 million to the Project through three separate agreements, most recently Agreement A176897.

This board action would authorize negotiation and execution of a new grant agreement (PR00005488 or the

“New Agreement”) with the Metropolitan Council and HCRRA for the Project. The New Agreement would take the place of the existing County and HCRRA grant agreements for the Project and be the vehicle for all County and HCRRA contributions to the Project during the term of the New Agreement. The New Agreement would provide for a maximum grant amount of \$75,305,000, of which the County would contribute \$60,244,000 and HCRRA would contribute \$15,061,000. The New Agreement’s end date would be December 31, 2024. The parties would anticipate the amendment of the New Agreement in the future to raise the maximum grant amount and to extend the agreement’s end date as project work proceeds.

The New Agreement would change current Project governance practices in two important ways. First, it would establish a Project Decisions Board (“PDB”) with jurisdiction over a number of important project decisions, including execution of large contracts for the Project, changes to the Project budget, and key applications to the Federal Transit Administration. The PDB would have five members: two appointed by the Metropolitan Council, two appointed by the County, and one appointed by HCRRA. Second, the New Agreement would provide the County with authority to make certain key staff appointments, including the Deputy Project Director and the Civil Design Lead. The New Agreement would also make a number of other improvements, updates, and changes.

The Blue Line Extension Project is currently in the engineering phase and working to publish a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Primary activities during the grant activity period will include preparation of environmental documentation and final design and engineering of the new route. This work will lead toward Municipal Consent in mid-year 2024 to progress to the Record of Decision by the Federal Transit Administration in late 2024.

Current Request: Authorization to negotiate and execute Agreement PR00005488 with the Metropolitan Council and the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority for the METRO Blue Line Extension Project (CP 1005877), with a grant activity period of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, and a maximum grant amount of \$75,305,000. The agreement will allow for continued work on the METRO Blue Line Extension Project.

Impact/Outcomes: This action supports the county’s disparity reduction efforts by investing in infrastructure that gives people transportation choices and access to housing, jobs, schools, medical facilities, and recreational areas.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Neg four Green Partners environmental grants, 09/01/23-08/31/24, total combined NTE \$96,700

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following Green Partners environmental grant agreements, during the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024:

- Agreement PR00005496 with EMERGE Community Development, with the amount not to exceed \$30,000
- Agreement PR00005497 with Pillsbury United Communities, with an amount not to exceed \$29,700
- Agreement PR00005505 with Young Men's Christian Association of the North, with an amount not to exceed \$12,000
- Agreement PR00005507 with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, with the amount not to exceed \$25,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Green Partners grant program provides support and funding to organizations to implement projects that engage residents to protect and improve the environment. Since the program was established in 2012, the county has awarded 231 grants totaling more than \$2.8 million. Funding for the program comes from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

The program offers three types of grants: Environmental Action grants for projects that focus on motivating adults to take environmentally friendly actions, Youth Environmental Education grants for projects engaging young people in environmental education and stewardship, and a pilot grant program for Youth Green Jobs.

Eligible organizations include registered nonprofit organizations such as community groups, youth programs and congregations; park districts; and private and public schools and school districts, including community education programs such as early childhood family education.

The county released a request for proposals in March 2023. A total of 54 applications were received. Of the 27 Youth Environmental Education grant applications received, 14 are recommended for funding. Of the 17 Environmental Action grant applications received, nine are recommended for funding. Of the 10 Youth Green Jobs applications received, five are recommended for funding. A total of 28 grants are recommended, for a total amount of \$707,550.

Of these 28 grants recommended for funding, 24 will be approved through administrative processes. Agreements PR00005507, PR00005496, PR00005505, and PR00005497 require board approval because the organizations have executed contracts with the county that exceed \$100,000.

The following 24 agreements will be approved through administrative processes:

Youth Environmental Education grants

- PR00005501 with Appetite for Change's *Urban Agriculture* (\$11,700)
- PR00005502 with Bancroft Neighborhood Association's *Beloved Community Mpls* (\$50,000, 2-year grant)
- PR00005500 with MIGIZI's *Indigenous Pathways - Green Tech Institute* (\$50,000, 2-year grant)
- PR00005506 with Northside Residents Redevelopment Council's *NRRC Youth Green Team* (\$23,700)
- PR00005509 with Pollinate Minnesota's *Expansive Pollinator Education and Pollinate Minnesota and Minneapolis Public Schools* (\$20,000)
- Hennepin-University Partnership 's Work Order for *Environmental Educator Capacity Building* (\$25,000)
- PR00005508 with Reuse Minnesota's *Youth curriculum: Reuse for the future* (\$23,500)
- PR00005499 with Riverside Plaza Tenants & Community's *RPTA Green Partners Education* (\$12,000)
- PR00005504 with Spark Y's *Spark-Y Urban Ag as Youth Environmental Education at PYC Arts* (\$22,900)
- PR00005503 with The Highpoint Center for Printmaking's *Creative Clean Water Stewards Project* (\$37,400; 2-year grant)
- PR00005498 with We All Need Food and Water's *Green Puppets - Red Light, Green Light* (\$10,000)
- PR00005519 with Wilderness Inquiry's *Canoemobile: Connecting Minneapolis Youth to Nature-based Education and Exploration* (\$5,000)

Environmental Action grants

- PR00005511 with Center for Community Services' *Educate, Replace and Reuse* (\$10,000)
- PR00005516 with Clean Water Fund's *Healthy Homes: reducing hazardous waste and plastic* (\$22,500)
- PR00005512 with Community Power's *Community-owned Affordable Solar & Efficiency* (\$25,000)
- PR00005520 with Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation's *Project Reduce-Reuse-Recycle* (\$12,000)
- PR00005518 with Mississippi Park Connection's *BIPOC in the Outdoors project* (\$50,000; 2-year grant)
- PR00005513 with Resilient Cities and Communities' *Friends of Lake Hiawatha Adopt-a-Drain and Neighborhood Clean-ups* (\$25,000)
- PR00005514 with Somali America Women Action Center's *Dambiil Challenge* (\$20,500)
- PR00005517 with Tangletown Neighborhood Association's *Managing Electronic, Appliance, and Tech Waste Responsibly* (\$14,650)
- PR00005510 with The Richfield Foundation's *Creating Habitat with Sustainable Landscaping* (\$50,000; 2-year grant)

Youth Green Jobs grants

- PR00005494 with Environmental Initiative's *Northside Safety NET* (\$30,000)
- PR00005495 with Metro *Blooms' Environmental Justice and Social Justice Youth Employees* (\$30,000)
- PR00005493 with Urban Strategies' *Green Garden Bakery* (\$30,000)

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Impact/Outcomes: The Green Partners projects support the county's goals of promoting environmental stewardship, engaging communities, enhancing quality of life, and protecting the environment for current and future generations.

EMERGE's Youth Internships in Solar Installation and Urban Farming project will engage up to 12 youth and hire eight (8) youth from north Minneapolis who face disparities in engaging in green jobs training in solar installation and practice in urban farming. (Agreement PR00005496; \$30,000; 1-year Youth Green Jobs grant)

Pillsbury United Communities' Ladders to Leadership Green Jobs project will hire five (5) youth from Minneapolis who face disparities in learning about green jobs and receiving training in urban farming, food systems, and waste management. (Agreement PR00005497; \$29,700; 1-year Youth Green Jobs grant)

Young Men's Christian Association of the North's Camp Ihduhapi Farm and Garden Program project will engage 4,000 Pre-school, Elementary, and Middle school youth in exploring and studying nature and learning about sustainable and environmentally responsible farming, water protection, local ecosystems, renewable energy, tree care, and more at Camp Ihduhapi. (Agreement PR00005505; \$12,000; 1-year Youth Environmental Education grant)

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Nature from the Inside Out at Kroening Nature Center will support a partnership between the park board and Jenny Lind, Cityview, and Bethune elementary schools in north Minneapolis to create an innovative curriculum that will engage 300 to 600 youth in experiential outdoor, nature-based environmental education that meets Minnesota state education standards. (Agreement PR00005507; \$25,000; 1-year Youth Environmental Education grant)

Eight of the applicants are first-time grantees with the Green Partners program. Of the 28 projects, 27 projects focus on engaging audiences that face disparities.

Organizations listed in this request will engage more than 9,500 people, including more than 7,500 youth, in becoming environmental stewards and taking action to protect the environment. More than 50 youth will be hired for green jobs exploration and training. These projects are expected to reach more than 220,000 people with environmental messages.

Hennepin County prioritizes environmental education and engagement with audiences that experience disparities and those audiences that contribute most to environmental problems that result in disparities. The Green Partners program also helps meet the county's goals outlined in the Climate Action Plan by engaging with the public and supporting community driven solutions.

Organizations are required to report project outcomes. Research has shown that these models of environmental engagement are effective in motivating participants to take actions that have a positive impact on the environment.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval