



METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

Project Decision Board

Proposed Board Action
26-PDB-013
For the PDB Meeting: February 18, 2026

Item Description

Approval of a Master Utility Agreement with Northern States Power Company allowing for reimbursement of the cost to relocate utilities in conflict with the METRO Blue Line Extension, in an amount not to exceed \$18,600,000.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the PDB hereby approves the execution of a Master Utility Agreement with Northern States Power Company in an amount not to exceed \$18,600,000.

Background

Subsection 6.01(C) of the Capital Grant Agreement requires the PDB to “approve or authorize negotiation and execution of Transitway Project agreements, contracts, amendments, and change orders” providing for the use of more than \$500,000 in Transitway Project funds.

Northern States Power Company (NSP), also known as Xcel Energy, owns and operates utility facilities within the Blue Line Extension Project limits. Portions of these facilities are in conflict with the project and must be relocated. In instances where NSP holds a compensable real property interest in the location of its facilities, the Project is required to compensate NSP for the cost of relocation.

The Master Utility Agreement (MUA) with NSP enables reimbursement from Transitway Project Funds for qualified NSP relocation costs. Under the MUA, NSP will perform all approved relocation work and seek reimbursement consistent with agreement terms. The total value of this utility relocation effort is estimated not to exceed \$18,600,000.