

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 22, 2013

Subject: Approval of the 2013 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Solicitation Project Recommendation

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve the list of projects recommended for federal funding for up to \$922,151 under the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program and for up to \$1,200,338 under the New Freedom program as listed in Attachment A.
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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Elaine Koutsoukos presented this item.

Commerz asked a question regarding future funding of the JARC and New Freedom programs. Koutsoukos responded that the JARC and New Freedom programs are funded under the federal SAFETEA-LU authorization. JARC and New Freedom programs were removed from the new federal authorization, MAP-21. The New Freedom program was merged into the 5310 program, which is administered by MnDOT. This is the last solicitation for JARC and New Freedom funds by the Council.

Motion by Commerz, seconded by Reynoso and passed.

Hearing no objection, Chair Duininck stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

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Meeting date: **May 13, 2013**

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: FTA Circular "C 9045.1" and FTA Circular "C 9050.1," Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Action Plan

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

The 2013 JARC and New Freedom solicitation received fifteen applications, nine for JARC and six for New Freedom. The New Freedom project applications totaled less than the money available under the solicitation and thus, after the project eligibility was verified, all projects have been recommended for funding. The JARC applications were reviewed and scored by a committee of seven stakeholders. Four projects were recommended for awards of full funding and one for partial funding, given the estimated amount of funding available. One project was recommended for a contingency list, in addition to the partially funded project, in the event that additional funds become available or other proposals are withdrawn. Attachment A summarizes the list of recommended projects for JARC and New Freedom and the contingency list of projects for JARC.

Rationale

The FTA requires projects funded under the JARC and New Freedom program to be selected using a competitive process.

Funding

Federal funding will be provided by FTA grants with local match support from the project sponsors.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

New Freedom Project List

Agency	Project	Award Amount
DARTS	Mobility Management Research and Planning Project	\$352,000
iTN <i>TwinCities</i>	Provide DAR service to older adults and people with visual impairments	\$102,230
Metro Mobility	Enhance Amenities at Eagan Transit Station for Persons with Disabilities	\$64,000
PRISM	PRISM Express - Expand DAR into Edina	\$53,428
Scott County	SmartLink DAR Increase and Coordination Efforts	\$348,680
St. Paul	Accessible Pedestrian Signals	\$160,000
MTS	Program Administration	\$120,000
	New Freedom Total	\$1,200,338

JARC Project List

Agency	Project	Award Amount
Emerge	EMERGE Access to Jobs	\$290,000
Dakota County	Dakota County MFIP Transportation Service	\$100,000
Anoka County	AnokAccess Project	\$132,435
MTS	Route 721	\$62,599
Metro Transit	Route 30 (partial funding)	\$337,117
	JARC Total	\$922,151

Agency	Project	Award Amount
Metro Transit	Route 30 (partial funding)	\$335,488
MTS	Route 219	\$539,305
	JARC Contingency Total	\$874,793