

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 9, 2015

**Subject:** Authorization to Enter Into Interagency Agreement with Scott County

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental agreement with Scott County to provide Transit Link service in Scott County and Carver County and support the transit share of Scott County facility costs from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.

### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Project Administrator Sheila Williams presented this item.

Committee member Reynoso asked for clarity related to Scott County's contract outsourcing and the Council's responsibility in terms of oversight. He also asked about the procurement process.

Committee member Munt stated that she would abstain from the vote because the Scott County employees are represented by AFSCME.

Committee member Letofsky asked about the County's new versus past process the County's decision to outsource rather than continue operating as they do today. She also commented that she would have appreciated better understanding of the potential consequences of the County no longer providing ADA services.

Committee member Reynoso voiced concerns about the possibility that current Scott County employees were not guaranteed a job and/or paid lower wages with the new contractor.

Committee Dorfman asked of the impact of not approving the motion.

Committee member Barber clarified the reasons of the County's decision to subcontract and encouraged the committee to support the motion.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Elkins and carried, with Munt abstaining from the vote.

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Meeting Date: August 24, 2015

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**District(s), Member(s):** 4-Deb Barber, 16-Wendy Wulff,

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3A Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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### Background

Transit Link is the Council's general public dial-a-ride program that provides service in portions of the seven county metro area where regular route transit service is not available. The Council provides Transit Link services by procuring multi-year operating agreements directly with private vendors or by allowing counties to administer the service in their respective areas. All Transit Link contractors are required to maintain full compliance with Council established program policies and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Scott County serves as administrator of the service in Scott County and Carver County and uses a subcontractor to operate the service.

### Rationale

Scott County competitively procured a multi-year contract for operation of Transit Link service in Scott County and Carver County. Scott County will enter into an agreement with the service provider and will manage the agreement and will oversee all day-to-day operations of the service. Funding for Transit Link operations and facility capital expenses, directly related to transit use, will be provided by the Council. Scott County will fund administrative expenses related to oversight of the service contracts.

### Funding

Funding for this service is included in the annual operating budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

Scott County and Carver County support this action.