

## Committee Report

Business Item No. 2017-220

### Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 25, 2017

**Subject:** Approval of Metropolitan Area 5310 Grant Awards

#### Proposed Action

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#### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Gerri Sutton presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Munt and passed.

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Meeting date: October 9, 2017

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**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 49 United States Code, 5310 as amended by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Nick Thompson, Director MTS (651) 602-1754

**Division/Department:** Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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### Background

With the implementation of MAP-21 (effective October 1, 2012), the previous Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms programs under SAFETEA-LU were merged into the 5310 grant program and the distribution of 5310 funds changed accordingly. Under MAP-21, no less than sixty percent of the state's funds are for the urbanized areas (population of 200,000 or more). 5310 grant funds assist governmental organizations and private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

In July 2013, the Metropolitan Council authorized staff to take the necessary steps to designate the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) as the recipient of MAP-21 5310 formula grants allocated to the Minneapolis-St. Paul urbanized area. MnDOT has a long and successful history with

statewide administration of the 5310 program. The Council entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with MnDOT to clarify roles and responsibilities of the relationship.

### **Rationale**

MnDOT, Council and other government entity's staff evaluated 14 projects for the metropolitan area. The panel is recommending the award of 13 grants. Three mobility management grants will be renewed and Washington County will implement a mobility management program in 2018. In addition, the project list includes 24 replacement buses and two expansion buses.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

These projects advance equity, sustainability and livability by expanding access to transit for traditionally underserved populations.

### **Funding**

The state has the flexibility to award unused funding from previous years or allocate current year funding above the 60% minimum threshold established by the FTA for the urbanized area. The total amount of 5310 funding required to be spent in the metro area in 2018 is \$1,977,012. The total value of grants recommended for 2018 is \$2,583,200. Matching local funds for the 13 grants is \$645,800 (20%) for total project costs of \$3,229,000.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

No know opposition.