

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2019

Subject: Amendment to Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Sub-Grant #SG-2017-024

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to amend the current grant agreement, #SG-2017-024, with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) by increasing the dollar amount by \$1,285,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Senior Project Administrator Michael Hochhalter presented this item. Cummings asked if this amendment will lead to other suburban transit providers asking for increases in funding for technology. Hochhalter responded that the funds being used are formula earnings, so if the other suburban transit providers have formula earnings available in their undesignated accounts, they can use that money for technology if they want. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Nick Thompson also added that Minnesota Valley Transit Authority chose to go on their own path with technology. Barber stated the suburban transit providers do have a list of technology they want.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Cummings. Motion carried.

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Meeting date: December 9, 2019

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District(s), Member(s): 4 – Deb Barber, 15 – Phillip Sterner, 16 – Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Business Item 2017-195, Council Business Item 2017-284, Council Business Item 2019-55 JT

Staff Prepared/Presented: Michael Hochhalter, Senior Grant Administrator (651-602-1961)

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

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Background

This amendment will increase sub-grant agreement #SG-2017-024 for MVTA's CAD, AVL, and AVVAS project from \$1,700,000 to \$2,985,000.

The project supports on-board technology implementation including computer aided dispatch and automatic vehicle location.

Rationale

The requested action will allow MVTA to pay for their CAD, AVL, and AVVAS project using its federal formula earnings.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This project promotes equity, sustainability, and livability by furthering access to transit.

Funding

This project is included in the current Approved Capital Plan and is funded with MVTA formula earning.

The project will be funded with Regional Transit Capital (RTC) in lieu of MVTA formula earnings. MVTA has available undesignated funds in the Council's Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.