

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: February 27, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: March 8, 2023

Business Item: 2023-053

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Pacheco. Motion carried.



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Staff Prepared/Presented:	Ashlee Smith, Senior Grant Administrator, MTS (651-602-1562)
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Background

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Rationale

The requested action will allow the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement and an amendment to an existing grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority. The Metropolitan Council may award grant funds to meet specific public purpose needs. Council action is required for the Regional Administrator to execute agreements or amendments over \$500,000.

Thrive Lens Analysis

These projects promote stewardship, equity, sustainability, and livability by furthering access to transit.

Funding

Funding for these grants is Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) in lieu of MVTA federal formula earnings. MVTA has available undesignated funds in the Council's Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

Office of Equal Opportunity review is not applicable. MVTA is an independent transit agency. Pass-through grant funding shall be spent by MVTA according to their adopted procurement policies.

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