

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: August 13, 2012
Metropolitan Council meeting: August 22, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 1, 2012
Subject: Authorization to Execute an Operating and Capital Grant Agreement with MVTA
District(s), Member(s): 4 – Gary Van Eyll, 15 – Steven T. Chávez, 16 – Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference: 2012 Unified Operating Budget, 2012 Unified Capital Program
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for \$1,911,338 for three years of operating assistance and equipment along the I-35W corridor.

Background

Through the 2009 Regional Solicitation Process, MVTA submitted and received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) award for three years of operating assistance and equipment to operate six forty-foot buses on I-35W South that will supply express service between Savage and downtown Minneapolis and limited stop service from Burnsville to downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota. MVTA intends to begin operating this new service on September 4, 2012. The Council has applied for the federal funds on behalf of MVTA.

This authorization will allow the Council to enter into a sub-recipient grant agreement with MVTA to provide the CMAQ funds for operations and RTC matching funds for the purchase and installation of equipment along the I-35W corridor.

Rationale

This grant will allow MVTA to operate new express and limited stop service for three years and purchase equipment for use along the I-35W corridor.

Funding

The project will be funded with \$1,361,338 of CMAQ funds and \$550,000 of Regional Transit Capital bond funds.

Approval of this business item is contingent upon the approval of Business Items 2012-223 (2012 Unified Operating Budget amendment) and 2012-224 (2012 Unified Capital Budget amendment) at the August 22, 2012, Metropolitan Council meeting.

Known Support / Opposition

MVTA is aware of and supports this business item and requested action.