

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 23, 2012

Metropolitan Council meeting: February 8, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 13, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Execute a Capital Grant Agreement with SWT
District(s), Member(s):	District 3 – Munt, District 4 - Van Eyll
Policy/Legal Reference:	2012 Unified Capital Program
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director (651-602-1058) Sean Pfeiffer (651-602-1887)
Division/Department:	Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with SouthWest Transit (SWT) for \$1,957,196 to provide the 20% required local match for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) federal award of \$7,828,782.

Background

During the 2007 CMAQ solicitation SWT applied for and was awarded Regional Solicitation CMAQ funds for a 450 space park and ride facility at CR 10/TH 212 related to the proposed development of a Bioscience Corporate Campus in the vicinity. Because that development did not materialize, SouthWest Transit requested and was approved by TAB and the Council for a project location scope change. The park and ride facility will now be located at TH 41/TH 212, known as East Creek, and will expand the existing 225 space surface lot to a 675-space structured facility.

Rationale

The SWT agreement is necessary to provide the local match for the CMAQ award for the East Creek park-and-ride expansion.

Funding

The project will be funded with \$1,957,196 of Regional Transit Capital bond funds. The funding and project were previously authorized as part of the fourth quarter capital amendment to the 2011 Unified Capital Program on October 26, 2011, with Business Item 2011-259.

Known Support / Opposition

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