

T Transportation Committee
 Meeting date: January 9, 2012
 Council meeting: January 25, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: December 28, 2011
Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract for Cedar Avenue BRT Services
District(s), Member(s): 15- Steven Chávez, 16 – Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference: Council policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 09P172 with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for Cedar Avenue BRT transit service and facilities maintenance to extend the term through December 31, 2012, and amend the maximum contract amount by \$650,000, for a total contract amount of \$1,700,000.

Background

Cedar Avenue BRT express service between Lakeville and downtown Minneapolis began in September 2009. The Council entered into sole source agreement 09P172 with MVTA to extend existing express routes from the Apple Valley Transit Station to Lakeville to provide the service along Cedar Avenue and to provide the Lakeville facility operations and maintenance (O&M). In September 2010, new express service began from the Eagan Cedar Grove park-and-ride to downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota. At that time the agreement was amended to include the Cedar Grove service as well as facility O & M for both Cedar Grove and the new Apple Valley Transit Station.

This amendment does not address the Cedar Avenue BRT station-to-station service planned to start as early as November 2012. Either another amendment or a new contract will be brought to the Council prior to the start-up of station-to-station service.

Rationale

This amendment allows for continued funding of transit service and O & M costs associated with the Cedar Avenue BRT express service plan through 2012.

Funding

CTIB is funding 75% of the 2012 Cedar Avenue BRT express service and facility O&M costs. This contract amendment provides the funds to MVTA to continue providing the service and facilities O&M. The Council's 25% funding share for these Cedar Avenue express services and associated O & M is included in the 2012 operating budget.

Known Support/Opposition

No known opposition.