

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 26, 2012

Council meeting: December 12, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 15, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Amend Contract for Cedar Avenue BRT Express 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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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 09P172 with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for Cedar Avenue BRT express transit service and facilities operations and maintenance to extend the term through March 31, 2013, and amend the maximum contract amount by \$225,000, for a total contract amount of \$1,925,000.

Background

Cedar Avenue BRT express service between Lakeville and downtown Minneapolis began in September 2009. The Council entered into sole source contract 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 in spring of 2013. New contracts will be brought to the Council prior to the start-up of station-to-station service and continuation of the express service. Council and MVTA staff are currently negotiating those contracts.

Rationale

This amendment allows for continued funding of transit service and facilities O&M costs associated with the Cedar Avenue BRT express service plan through first quarter 2013.

Funding

CTIB will fund 75% of the net cost of the Cedar Avenue BRT express service and facilities O&M for the first quarter 2013 and the remaining cost of the service will be paid for by the Council. This funding for this service is included in the Council's 2013 operating budget.

Known Support/Opposition

No known opposition.