

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: September 24, 2012  
Metropolitan Council meeting: October 10, 2012

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
Date:	September 13, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for Apple Valley Layover Project
District(s), Member(s):	16 – Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	2012 Unified Capital Program
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for \$1,550,000 for design and construction of a bus layover facility in Apple Valley adjacent to the Apple Valley Transit Station.

**Background**

The need for a bus layover facility was identified through the Cedar Avenue (Red Line) bus rapid transit (BRT) Implementation Plan Update (IPU). The Cedar Avenue BRT project was awarded an FTA 5309 earmark in 2010 for bus capital improvements related to the transitway project. Through discussions between Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (DCRRA), the project lead agency, MVTA, and the Council, the layover facility was identified as the bus capital project most needed in utilizing the FTA 5309 award within the Cedar BRT project. DCRRA has designated MVTA as the lead agency for implementation of the layover facility project and has directed the Council to provide funding from the Cedar BRT project to MVTA for this purpose.

**Rationale**

The Metropolitan Council is the designated recipient of FTA funding in the region and subrecipient agreements are the mechanism for distributing funds to project lead agencies. Per direction from DCRRA, MVTA will lead the design and construction of the layover project and this agreement will provide the necessary funding to do so.

**Funding**

The bus layover facility project will be funded with \$681,800 of FTA 5309 funds earmarked for Cedar BRT, \$698,715 in State general obligation bond funds appropriated for Cedar BRT, and \$169,485 in CTIB and local funds provided through a funding agreement with DCRRA.

**Known Support / Opposition**

Project partners MVTA and DCRRA support this action.