

Transportation Committee**Meeting date:**

Transportation February 25, 2013

Management February 27, 2013

For the Council Meeting of March 6, 2013

ADVISORY INFORMATION**Date:** February 19, 2013**Subject:** 2013 Unified Operating Budget Amendment**District(s), Member(s):** All**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes Section 473.13, Subd. 1 – Council Budget Requirements**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit (612) 349-7510
Edwin D. Petrie, Director of Finance, Metro Transit, (612) 349-7624**Division/Department:** Transportation/Metro Transit**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2013 Metro Transit Operating Budget to increase appropriations by \$299,000.

Background

During the first quarter of each year, staff requests changes to the Unified Operating Budget adopted by the Council the previous December. Requests are to continue projects that were budgeted and initiated in the previous year but will be completed in the current year. Budget authority for these projects was authorized in the 2012 budget but not completed by the end of the year. Staff is requesting that budget appropriations be carried forward from 2012 to 2013 so that budget authority matches the year in which expenditures on the project occurred.

Transportation/Metro Transit**Change in Expenditures: \$299,000; Reserves: (\$299,000)**

In 2012, the Council authorized spending of \$1,350,000 to implement a new budget system at the Council. Metro Transit's share of the budget for this project was \$541,000. The project was initiated in 2012 but will be completed in 2013 and \$727,400 of the amount budgeted will be expended in 2013. This amendment carries forward \$299,000 from the 2012 budget to the 2013 budget to cover Metro Transit's share of the projected 2013 expenditures on the project.

Rationale

This proposed amendment carries forward budget authority from 2012 to 2013 so that budget authority matches when expenditures will occur on an annual basis.

Funding

This amendment will be funded from fund balance reserves available at the end of 2012. The full cost of the project was budgeted in 2012 but not fully expended in 2012 and the unexpended amounts increase the year-end fund balance in Metro Transit. This amendment will not cause reserves to fall below the Council Target Reserve Balance policy level for Metro Transit.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition