

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: February 25, 2013

For the Council Meeting of: March 6, 2013

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** February 4, 2013

**Subject:** Authorization to Amend Transit Link Service Contract for Washington/SE Ramsey County

**District(s), Member(s):** 11-Sandy Rummel, 12-Harry Melander, 13-Richard Kramer

**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 09P177 Washington/SE Ramsey County Transit Link with Midwest Paratransit Service in the amount of \$170,000 for an amended contract total of \$6,713,430.

**Background**

The Council contracts with Midwest Paratransit Services to deliver Transit Link service in Washington County and southeast Ramsey County through February 2015. The contract for this service was competitively procured for a five-year term that began in February 2010. An additional \$600,000 was added early in the contract term to ensure sufficient funds were available to cover the entire scope of service.

Since the inception of the program in 2010, demand for rides has grown, along with denials, and additional service is required to reduce denials to an acceptable level and to provide a level of Transit Link service availability comparable to other areas within the region.

**Rationale**

The requested amendment allows for an additional twenty hours of service per weekday (a 20% increase) for the remainder of the contract. This added capacity will significantly reduce denials and meet more customer needs primarily during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

**Funding**

Funding for this amendment is available through contingency funds included in the adopted 2013 MTS budget.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this request.