

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 28, 2013

For the Council Meeting of February 13, 2013

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 22, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Execute a Capital Grant Agreement with Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) for the Newport Station

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2013 Unified Capital Program

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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with WCRRA for \$2,225,000 for the construction of the Newport Park-and-Ride and Transit Station.

Background

This project is to construct a park-and-ride in the City of Newport on land owned by the WCRRA. The project is funded with \$475,000 of federal earmark 43 USC 5309 Bus funds (FFY 2009) along with \$1,750,000 of state bond funds for a total project cost of \$2,225,000.

The park and ride will consist of a paved surface lot with approximately 200 spaces and an enclosed, heated facility with benches.

Rationale

This grant will allow WCRRA to construct the Newport Park and Ride and Transit Station.

Funding

The project will be funded with \$475,000 of federal discretionary funds and \$1,750,000 of state bond funds. This project and its funding already exist within the 2013 Unified Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

WCRRA supports this business item. No known opposition.