

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 14, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 23, 2013

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**Subject:** Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with the University of Minnesota

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2013 Capital Program

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### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with the University Of Minnesota for up to \$625,000 for the purchase of one 30' Gillig Hybrid Bus.

### **Background**

The University of Minnesota will use this grant to purchase a 30' Gillig hybrid propulsion bus for the campus circulator and transit way services. The University of Minnesota will use the State of Minnesota contract with Gillig Corp. to purchase the bus.

### **Rationale**

This grant allows the University of Minnesota to obtain 5307 Urbanized Area formula capital funds for transit capital projects using federal funds distributed by the Metropolitan Council. The University of Minnesota will provide the required matching portion of the grant. This vehicle will operate on the Minneapolis campus circulator service and between the East Bank and St. Paul Campus connecting people via the transit way.

### **Funding**

The funding for this grant includes \$500,000 (80%) of federal funds and \$125,000 (20%) of University of Minnesota local match funds. This project and funding are included in the 2013 Unified Capital Program.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition. Support expressed by the University of Minnesota.