

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 28, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 13, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2013 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 the following grant agreements with MVTA in the following amounts:

1. 2014 – MVTA – Bus – Replacement (Project #35932): for up to \$2,850,000 for the purchase of (6) six 40' replacement buses in 2014;
2. Rosemount Expansion (CMAQ) – Buses (Project #35935): for up to \$1,900,000 for the purchase of (4) four 40' expansion buses in 2014;
3. 2015 – MVTA – Bus – Replacement (Project #35940): for up to \$5,988,000 for the purchase of (12) twelve 40' replacement buses in 2015.

Background

MVTA will use these grants to purchase a total of 22 forty foot low floor buses. Eighteen of the buses will replace buses in 2014 and 2015 that are at the end of their minimum useful life and are scheduled for replacement. The four expansion vehicles will be part of the service expansion plan serving the City of Rosemount. MVTA will utilize either the State of Minnesota competitive contract with Gillig Corp. or the Metropolitan Council's competitive contract with Gillig Corp, both of which are federally compliant.

Rationale

These grants will allow MVTA to purchase expansion and replacement buses using Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Section 5307 Federal Formula and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds distributed by the Metropolitan Council.

Funding

The funding for this grant includes federal and local match funds. The first two projects and funding are included in the 2013 Unified Capital Program. The funding for the third project (35940) is pending Council approval (action item 2013-249) which will take place at the October 23, 2013, Metropolitan Council Meeting.

Known Support / Opposition

Support expressed by MVTA.