

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 9, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 25, 2013

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**Subject:** ADA and Transit Link Service Agreement with Scott and Anoka Counties

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**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statute 473.386, Financial Assistance to Transit Service

Minnesota Statute 473.386, Special Transportation Service

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute intergovernmental agreements for Metro Mobility and Transit Link dial-a-ride services, from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with transit providers in the following amounts:

Anoka County Traveler	\$3,264,807
Smart Link (Scott / Carver County)	\$2,452,679

### Background

The Council is authorized by legislation to enter into and administer service agreements in the metropolitan area. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") requires the Council to provide dial-a-ride transit service to ADA certified individuals, that is complementary to its regular route service. Metro Mobility is responsible for delivering all ADA complimentary service in the region. The Council also provides general public dial-a-ride service, called Transit Link, in areas where regular route service is not available.

Anoka County and Scott/Carver Counties provide Metro Mobility and Transit Link dial-a-ride services in their respective counties under contract with the Council using small and medium size buses. Scott County administers and directly operates dial-a-ride service in Scott and Carver counties. Anoka County provides the service through a competitively procured contract with a private provider (currently MV Transportation). Anoka County employees provide additional administrative oversight of the service. Each provider is required to maintain full compliance with all Council established program policies and with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

## **Rationale**

When the Transit Link program was established, each County was given the opportunity to deliver service within their jurisdiction or defer to the Council to select a contractor and manage the service. Anoka, Scott and Carver Counties opted to continue administering and/or operating their local dial-a-ride programs. Anoka County administers the Traveler service in Anoka County and northwest Ramsey County. Scott County administers the Smart Link program in Scott and Carver counties. Both counties have been providing Metro Mobility service on behalf of the Council since 1994. The Council enters into intergovernmental agreements to fund ongoing operations of these programs.

## **Funding**

The Metro Mobility component of these contracts are projected to cost the Council \$2,212,424 in Anoka County and \$1,033,530 in Scott/Carver County. The remaining contract balance of \$1,052,383 for Anoka County and \$1,419,149 for Scott County is designated for Transit Link service over the same eighteen month period. Funding for the first year of services are included in the proposed 2014 operating budget and it is anticipated the Council's 2015 budget will continue funding these services.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this request.