

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 12, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 28, 2014

**Subject:** Authorization to Amend contract 09P104 with First Transit, Inc.

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes Section 473.13, Subd.1 – Council Budget Requirements

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment to contract 09P104 with First Transit, Inc., to:

1. extend the term from November 1, 2014 to December 6, 2014, and
2. increase the maximum contract amount by \$215,842, for an amended contract total of \$2,998,598.

### Background

In 2009 the Council authorized the operation of Rt 288 peak express commuter bus service between Forest Lake/Columbus and downtown Minneapolis in response to the I-35E bridge collapse. The service has proven successful, with additional trips added in May 2012, March 2013, and May 2013 to address overloads. This has resulted in an increase in daily billable hours of approximately 33% over the original service plan.

### Rationale

Because of increasing ridership and desire to operate with coach-style buses, this route will be transferred to Metro Transit in December 2014. In order to facilitate that transition, the contract must be extended from the original October 31, 2014 termination date to December 6, 2014. Additional funding is necessary to cover the term extension and to fund the increase in service hours.

### Funding

This contract is funded with MVST funding; no revision to the 2014 MTS unified operating budget is required.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.