

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 12, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: N/A

**Subject:** Metropolitan Area 5310 Grant Awards

District(s), Member(s): All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 49 United States Code, 5310 as amended by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), BI 2013-190, BI 2014-291

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

### Proposed Action

No action requested. Information only.

### Background

With the implementation of MAP-21 (effective October 1, 2012), the previous Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms programs under SAFETEA-LU were merged into the 5310 grant program and the distribution of 5310 funds changed accordingly. Under MAP-21, sixty percent of the state's funds are for the urbanized areas (population of 200,000 or more). 5310 grant funds assist governmental organizations and private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

In July 2013, the Metropolitan Council authorized staff to take the necessary steps to designate the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) as the recipient of MAP-21 5310 formula grants allocated to the Minneapolis-St. Paul urbanized area. MnDOT has a long and successful history with statewide administration of the 5310 program. The Council entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with MnDOT to clarify roles and responsibilities of the relationship.

### Rationale

In the first solicitation process under this new arrangement, MnDOT, Council and other government entities staff evaluated 28 projects from the metropolitan area. The panel selected 26 projects funding three mobility management projects and 23 buses.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Federal Award Amount</u>
Dakota County	Mobility Management	\$128,000
Newtrax, Inc	Mobility Management	\$80,000
Scott County	Mobility Management	\$240,000
Achieve Services, Inc.	Replacement Bus	\$57,600
Ally People Solutions	Replacement Bus	\$57,600
Eastside Neighborhood Services	Replacement Bus	\$57,600

East Suburban Resources, Inc.	2 Replacement Buses	\$115,200
Ecumen Parmly Lifepointes	Replacement Bus	\$104,800
Lifeworks Services	2 Replacement Buses	\$115,200
Mankato Rehab Center, Inc. (Rosemount)	Replacement Bus	\$57,600
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	2 Replacement Buses	\$115,200
NEWTRAX, Inc.	6 Replacement Buses	\$345,600
ProAct, Inc.	1 Bus	\$57,600
Rise, Inc.	5 Replacement Buses	\$288,000
TOTAL		\$1,820,000

It was the intent of Council staff to present the recommended projects to the Transportation Committee and Metropolitan Council for approval prior to incorporation of the projects into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and approval by the Transportation Improvement Board (TAB). MnDOT staff misunderstood the intent of Council staff. As a result, these 5310 projects were amended into the TIP which was approved by the Council on December 10, 2014. The MOU is being amended to clarify the Council's desired approval process for future solicitations.

This information item retroactively advises the Council of the selected 2015 projects and the planned approval process for future awards.

### **Funding**

The list of selected projects is shown above. The total amount of 5310 funding for 2015, designated for the metro area, is \$1,873,449. In addition, there are SAFETEA-LU carry-over funds of \$645,200 for a total available balance of \$2,518,649. The total value of grants awarded for 2015 is \$1,820,000 leaving a balance of \$698,649 for future awards.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.