

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 27, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 12, 2015

Subject: Authorization to Execute Sole Source Agreements for Red Line BRT Transit Service.

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source agreement with the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for 2015 METRO Red Line Station to Station operating expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,228,099.

Background

On September 26, 2012, the Council designated the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority as the service provider for the METRO Red Line Station to Station service. A Master Agreement with annual subordinate agreements was executed in 2013 with the opening of the Red Line service.

Annual funding for the maintenance of the facilities and transit operations are determined by the approved project budget application to the Counties Transportation Investment Board (CTIB) and subordinate agreements to the Master Funding Agreement are drafted. Pursuant to Metropolitan Council policy, expenditures over \$250,000 require Council approval.

Rationale

The 2015 METRO Red Line Station to Station operating agreement is necessary to continue BRT operations in the Cedar Avenue corridor. Project partners, including Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS), Metro Transit, Dakota County Regional Rail Authority, and MVTA continue to monitor the service and make improvements to operating parameters and procedures.

Funding

Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service and the O&M costs are funded 50% by CTIB and 50% by the Council. This service will be funded by CTIB contributions, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality federal funding (CMAQ) and Council MVST funds. CTIB has granted the Council 2015 operating funds and revenue and expenses are included in the adopted operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.