

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 23, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2015

Subject: Authorization to Execute Sole Source Agreement 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 \$500,000

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source subordinate agreement with Minnesota Valley Transportation Authority for METRO Red Line Station-to-Station service 2016 operating expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,453,231.

Background

On September 26, 2012 the Council designated Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) as the service provider for the METRO Red Line Station to Station service contingent upon on an Operating and Maintenance agreement being executed. 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 is determined by MVTA's contract costs and cost allocation plan. Subordinate agreements to the Master Funding Agreement are executed for the transit operations and each of the facilities. Pursuant to Metropolitan Council policy, expenditures over \$500,000 require Council Approval.

Rationale

The 2016 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 Railroad Authority, and MVTA continue to monitor the service and make improvements to operating parameters and procedures.

Funding

2016 Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service and the O&M net costs are funded by the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) the Council and, through June 2016, with federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The Red Line Station to Station revenue and expenses are in the Council's draft 2016 operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.