

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 12, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 28, 2015

Subject: Approval of 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 21st Century (MAP-21)

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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following Metropolitan Area 5310 grant awards for 2016:

| Organization | Project | Federal Award Amount |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Dakota County | Mobility Management | \$171,200 |
| Newtrax, Inc | Mobility Management | \$132,800 |
| Scott County | Mobility Management | \$280,000 |
| Washington County | Mobility Management | \$103,200 |
| Achieve Services, Inc. | Replacement Bus | \$59,200 |
| Ally People Solutions | Replacement Bus | \$59,200 |
| East Suburban Resources, Inc. | Replacement Bus | \$59,200 |
| Lifeworks Services, Inc | 2 Replacement Buses | \$118,400 |
| Mankato Rehab Center, Inc. (Rosemount) | Replacement Bus | \$59,200 |
| Midwest Special Services, Inc. | 2 Replacement Buses | \$118,400 |
| NEWTRAX, Inc. | 6 Replacement Buses | \$355,200 |
| ProAct, Inc. | Replacement Bus | \$59,200 |
| Sholom Community Alliance | 1 New Bus | \$59,200 |
| Rise, Inc. | 3 Replacement Buses | \$177,600 |
| Norwood Young America Economic Dev. | 1 New Bus | \$59,200 |
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| TOTAL | | \$1,871,200 |

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

MnDOT, Council and other government entities staff evaluated 16 projects from the metropolitan area. The panel is recommending 15 projects. Three mobility management projects will be renewed for 2016 and a new mobility management project provided for Washington County. In addition, the project list includes eighteen replacement buses and two new buses.

Staff is asking the Metropolitan Council to approve these projects prior to incorporation into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Funding

The total amount of 5310 funding for 2016, designated for the metro area, is \$1,883,023. The total value of grants recommended for 2016 is \$1,871,200. Matching local funds for the 15 projects is \$467,800 for total project costs of \$2,339,000.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.