

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 12, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 14, 2016

Subject: Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for METRO Red Line
District(s), Member(s): 15 -Steven Chávez, 16 – Wendy Wulff
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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sole source agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for:

- 1. Cedar Avenue express service and public facility maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$740,550.
- 2. Cedar Avenue Red Line Station to Station BRT Service and public facility maintenance not to exceed \$5,455,850.

Background

The Metropolitan Council began service along the Cedar Avenue corridor in September 2009 by initiating express service between Lakeville Cedar P&R and downtown Minneapolis. The scope of service was expanded in September 2010 to include express service from Cedar Grove Transit Station. Finally, METRO Red Line service was inaugurated in the corridor in June 2013.

The Council contracts with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) to operate the service and maintain facilities in the corridor. The contractual relationship consists of a master agreement for each service (express and BRT) and a set of subordinate agreements to cover service and operations and maintenance of each facility included in the service. Transit stations covered by the agreements include Cedar Lakeville, Apple Valley, 147th St, 140th St, and Cedar Grove. The current agreements are in effect through the end of 2016.

The project partners for this service include MTS, Metro Transit, Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority and MVTA.

Rationale

These agreements allow for continued funding of existing transit service and facilities operations and maintenance in the Cedar Avenue corridor.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This item furthers the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship by using financial resources efficiently and effectively and by promoting collaboration between governmental agencies.



Funding

CTIB funds 50% of the net cost of the service and facilities operation and maintenance. The Council portion of funding for this service is included in the Council's 2017 operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this item.