

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 26, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 12, 2018

Subject: 2019 METRO Red Line Agreements

District(s), Member(s): 5 – Steve Elkins, 15 – Steven Chavez, 16 – Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: Council policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$500,000

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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 \$341,878.
2. Cedar Avenue Red Line Station to Station BRT service and public facility maintenance not to exceed \$2,422,182.

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 2018.

Through 2017, this service was made possible through a variety of sources including federal, Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), and Council funds. Beginning in 2018, the Council is solely responsible for funding the service.

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 Livability and Prosperity by providing a high-amenity transit corridor that enhances quality of life in the region and balances the Council's investments across the region.

Funding

Funding for this service is included in the Council's 2019 operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this item.