

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 22, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 8, 2019

Subject: Minnesota Valley Transit Authority – Apple Valley Transit Station Modernization

District(s), Member(s): 4 – Deb Barber, 15 – Phillip Sterner, 16 – Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: 2019 Unified Budget Amendment, BI 2019-55 JT

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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to develop and execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for \$1,927,760. This item is contingent upon Council adoption of the Q1 Council Budget Amendment, BI 2019-55 JT, on April 24, 2019.

Background

It is regular practice for the Council to provide the required 20% local match for Suburban Transit Provider projects awarded by the Transportation Advisory Board through the Regional Solicitation. A match commitment was provided to MVTA as part of the Regional Solicitation application process and the match was planned for in the Council's Capital Improvement Plan. The plan is reviewed and approved by the Council annually.

The Council will pass regional funds through to MVTA using a grant agreement. Council authorization is required for the Regional Administrator to execute all agreements over \$500,000.

MVTA will use the funds to improve customer facilities and add two parking levels to the existing parking structure at the Apple Valley Transit Station located at 15450 Cedar Avenue South in Apple Valley. The station serves both MVTA routes and the Council's METRO Red Line.

Rationale

The requested action will pass committed funds to MVTA through a grant agreement and allow MVTA to move forward with the project to modernize and address current parking overflows at the Apple Valley Transit Station.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This project promotes equity, sustainability, and livability by furthering access to transit.

Funding

The project is funded with \$5.7 million in federal funds, administered by MnDOT, and local funds provided by the Council, MVTA and Dakota County. The proposed agreement between the Metropolitan Council and MVTA will provide the 20% required local match for the federal funds, \$1,427,760, and an additional \$500,000 to support the project. This project is anticipated to be adopted into the Council's Authorized Capital on April 24, 2019.

Known Support / Opposition

MVTA supports this project. There is no known opposition.