

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 22, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 8, 2019

Subject: Minnesota Valley Transit Authority – Automatic Vehicle Locator Technology

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

Policy/Legal Reference: 2019 Unified Council Budget

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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 up to \$1,800,514.

Background

The Council has previously agreed to reimburse MVTA with a designated share of regional automatic vehicle location (AVL) funding for eligible costs if MVTA's AVL system was integrated with the regional ALV system from which MVTA previously opted-out.

Funds will be used to reimburse MVTA for costs incurred developing the Route Match AVL system and capital costs related to implementation of their new system.

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.

Rationale

Both the Council and MVTA recognize the importance of collaborating in MVTA's new AVL system. An integrated regional AVL system is important for several reasons including customer service, safety, and performance reporting.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports the Thrive outcomes of stewardship through planning and management of transit resources in the region.

Funding

Funding for this project is in the Council Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

MVTA supports this project. There is no known opposition.