Proposed Action
That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with Scott County to provide Transit Link service and related facility expenses in Scott County and Carver County from July 1, 2019 through January 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed $8,445,862. This agreement will replace 15I090 currently in effect between the Council and the county.

Background
Transit Link is the Council’s general public dial-a-ride program that provides service in portions of the seven-county metro area where regular route transit service is not available. The Council provides Transit Link services by procuring multi-year operating agreements directly with private vendors and by allowing counties to administer the service in their respective areas. All Transit Link contractors are required to maintain full compliance with Council established program policies and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Scott County serves as administrator of the service in Scott County and Carver County and uses a contractor to operate the service.

Rationale
Scott County competitively procured a multi-year contract for the operation of Transit Link service in Scott County and Carver counties. Scott County entered into an agreement with the service provider and will manage the agreement and will oversee all day-to-day operations of the service. Funding Transit Link operations and related facility expenses will be provided by the Council. Scott County will fund administrative expenses related to oversight of the service contracts.

Thrive Lens Analysis
Transit Link supports Livability by increasing mobility opportunities for residents living within the suburban and non-urban areas who do not have access to regular route service. This action helps balance investments across the region, which furthers Prosperity.

Funding
Funding for this service is included in the MTS annual operating budget.
Known Support / Opposition
Scott County and Carver County support this action and there is no known opposition.