

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 8, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2020

**Subject:** Federal CARES Act Subrecipient Grant Agreements

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2020 Unified Budget; BI2020-141JT

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)/CD/MTS Finance and Administration

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements with Maple Grove Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority, Plymouth Metrolink, SouthWest Transit, and the University of Minnesota in the amounts listed below.

Maple Grove Transit: \$1,213,690

Minnesota Valley Transit Authority: \$6,118,007

Plymouth Metrolink: \$1,188,885

Southwest Transit: \$2,525,156

University of Minnesota: \$1,085,532

### Background

Council action is required for the Regional Administrator to execute agreements over \$500,000.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocated approximately \$226 million in CARES Act funds to the Metropolitan Council. The Council allocated funds to all regional transit providers using established allocation formulas. Just over \$12 million will be passed through via grant agreements and the Council will retain the balance.

Funding is provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be used to support operations and other expenses generally eligible under the Section 5307 program, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

### Rationale

The requested action will allow the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements with regional transit providers so they may continue operations and prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

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

### Funding

Funding for these grants is provided as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act.

This item is contingent upon adoption of BI2020-141JT, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020 Budget Amendment, that will also be presented at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. This item proposes adoption of \$12,131,270 into the MTS passthrough fund.

**Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.