

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 13, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 22, 2021

Subject: Signature Authority for MVTA Transportation Facility Projects

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

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 15-2 Grant/Loan Approval Policy, FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

Staff Prepared/Presented: Michael Hochhalter, Senior Grant Administrator, MTS (651-602-1961)

Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for Transportation Facility Projects consisting of various facility modernizations and enhancement projects in the amount of \$550,000.

Background

MVTA has requested to use their available undesignated funding held in the Council's Authorized Capital Budget to complete various modernization and enhancement projects to improve customer service, signage, landscape, and safety. These funds are available to MVTA to use at their discretion for eligible public transportation projects.

Rationale

The requested action will allow the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority funding facility modernizations and enhancements. The Metropolitan Council may award grant funds to meet specific public purpose needs. Council action is required for the Regional Administrator to execute agreements over \$500,000.

Thrive Lens Analysis

These projects promote stewardship, equity, sustainability, and livability by furthering access to transit.

Funding

Funding for this grant is Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) in lieu of MVTA federal formula earnings. MVTA has available undesignated funds in the Council's Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

Office of Equal Opportunity review is not applicable. MVTA is an independent transit agency. Pass-through grant funding shall be spent by MVTA according to their adopted procurement policies.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.