

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 26, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 11, 2021

Subject: Signature Authority for MVTA Burnsville Bus Garage Grant Agreement

District(s), Member(s): 4 – Deb Barber, 8 – Abdirahman Muse, 15 – Phillip Sterner, 16 – Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: 15-2 Grant/Loan Approval Policy, FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, BI 2021-143 JT

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 for \$3,500,000 funded by the Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. 5339).

Background

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded a discretionary Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities grant to Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to rehabilitate and construct bus-related facilities. The award was fully executed with the FTA on July 21, 2021. Funding is provided at an 80-percent federal share and 20-percent local share. The Council is providing the local share.

Rationale

The requested action will allow the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to allow them to move forward with the expansion and modernization of the Burnsville Bus Garage. 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 provided as part of the federal Buses and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. 5339), and Council bonds.

This item is contingent upon adoption of BI 2021-143 JT, 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment, that will be presented at the July 26 Transportation Committee Meeting and the August 11 Council Meeting.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.