

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 14, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 13, 2022

**Subject:** Federal American Rescue Plan Signature Authorization

**District(s), Member(s):** 1 – Judy Johnson, 3 - Vacant, 4 – Deb Barber, 8 – Abdirahman Muse, 15 – Philip 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, BI 2022-34 JT

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Heather Giesel, Grants Manager (651-602-1715), Michael Hochhalter, Senior Grant Administrator (651-602-1961)

**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services / Finance and Administration

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements funded by the American Rescue Plan Act with the following agencies:

- Maple Grove Transit: \$1,679,435
- Minnesota Valley Transit Authority: \$8,465,750
- Plymouth Metrolink: \$1,645,111
- SouthWest Transit: \$3,494,167
- University of Minnesota: \$1,502,099

### Background

The Metropolitan Council has been allocated \$313,416,510 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal covid relief funds. The Council allocated funds to all regional transit providers using established allocation formulas. \$16,786,562 will be passed through to regional providers via grant agreements.

ARP funding is provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required.

### Rationale

The requested action allows the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements with regional transit providers so they may continue operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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

Federal funding for these grants is available, contingent upon adoption of BI 2022-34 JT, April Budget Amendment, which will be presented at the March 14 Transportation Committee Meeting, March 23 Management Committee, and the April 13 Council Meeting.