

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



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Signature Authority for MVTA Transportation Facility Projects.

District(s), Member(s):	4 – Deb Barber, 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
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Michael Hochhalter, Senior Grant Administrator, MTS (651-602-1961)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services / Finance & Administration

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 in the amount of \$500,000.

Background

MVTA has requested to use their available undesignated funding, programmed in the Council's Authorized Capital Budget, to complete various facility modernization and enhancement projects. 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 MVTA. 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 programmed 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.