

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: April 23, 2025

Business Item: 2025-81

Authorize Grant Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for information technology software.

District(s), Member(s):	4 - Deb Barber, 12 - Susan Vento, 15 - Vacant, 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
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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), a Replacement Service Provider (Suburban Transit Provider), for the acquisition of multiple Information Technology (IT) software applications to support employee, onboard, and customer needs in the amount of \$1,600,000.

Background

MVTA has requested to use their available undesignated funding held in the Council's Authorized Capital Budget to complete these projects. These funds are available to MVTA to use at their discretion for eligible public transportation projects.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, these projects promote stewardship, equity, sustainability, and livability by furthering access to transit.

Funding

Funding for this grant agreement is Sales and Use Tax in lieu of MVTA federal formula earnings. MVTA has available undesignated funds in the Council's Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

MVTA is an independent transit agency; therefore, non-federal pass-through grant funding shall be

spent by MVTA according to their adopted procurement policies.

