# **Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: April 14, 2008 Council Meeting Date: April 23, 2008

| ADVISORY INFORMATION      |  |  |  |
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| Date:                     | March 25, 2008   |  |  |
| Subject:                  | Authorization to Execute Agreements for the Job Access and<br>Reverse Commute and New Freedom FFY 2006-2007 Program<br>Funding |  |  |
| District(s), Member(s):   | All  |  |  |
| Policy/Legal Reference:   | 2008 MTS Operating Budget, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment   |  |  |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | : Arlene McCarthy, Director, MTS, 651-602-1754   |  |  |
|                           | Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director, Finance & Planning, 651-602-<br>1058   |  |  |
|                           | Cole Hiniker, Financial Planning Technician, 651-602-1748  |  |  |
| Division/Department:      | Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)   |  |  |

#### **Proposed Action/Motion**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute subrecipient agreements with the specified agencies and for the specified amounts of federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) or New Freedom program funding identified in Attachment A.

### **Background and Funding**

The projects receiving funding through the federal JARC and New Freedom programs were selected using a competitive solicitation process. A list of recommended projects was approved by the Council on October 10, 2007. The same list was subsequently amended into the region's 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which was brought to the Council on November 17, 2007. These projects were also amended into the 2008 MTS Operating Budget on March 12, 2008.

# Rationale

The projects were selected using a competitive process and agreements must now be executed to allow for the disbursement of funding from JARC and New Freedom programs to the designated subrecipients.

# **Known Support / Opposition**

Recipient agencies support this business item. No known opposition.

#### Item: 2008-097 Attachment A

## **New Freedom**

| Agency                    | Project                        | Grant Amount |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| United Way                | 2-1-1 Service Expansion        | \$170,000    |
| City of St. Paul          | Accessible Pedestrian Signals  | \$100,000    |
| City of Minneapolis       | Accessible Pedestrian Signals  | \$125,000    |
| Human Services Inc.       | HSI Transporter Expansion      | \$43,345     |
| Scott and Carver Counties | Scott and Carver County Merger | \$274,577    |

JARC

| Agency            | Project                   | Grant Amount |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Anoka County      | AnokAccess Transportation | \$80,000     |
| Emerge Inc.       | Transportation Services   | \$196,381    |
| SouthWest Transit | Reverse Commute Routes    | \$169,857    |