



# Transportation Committee

Metropolitan Council: August 6, 2008

Meeting date: July 28, 2008

**Business Item**

Item: 2008-199

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	July 10, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with Southwest Transit and MVTA for Replacement Bus Purchases
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2008 Capital Program and Budget Action Item 2008-154
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

1. That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Southwest Transit for \$490,000 to replace six small transit buses.
2. That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with MVTA for \$2,030,000 to replace five 40-foot transit buses.

### Background

MTS develops annual capital budgets and issues grants and contracts to replace transit buses at the end of their useful life. The Council approves funding for capital spending and must give grant authority separate from funding approval. This action provides the legal authority to execute grant agreements for previously approved projects in the authorized 2008 Capital Budget.

### Funding

Regional Transit Capital funds will be used to purchase the replacement vehicles. The amount of each project was previously approved by the Council in the 2008-2013 CIP. Spending on these projects was authorized by the Council on June 25, 2008.

### Known Support / Opposition

Southwest Transit and MVTA support the Metropolitan Council's intention to execute these grants.