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Meeting date: October 13, 2008

Council meeting: October 22, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 24, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Agreements with Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Southwest Transit, Plymouth, and University of Minnesota
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2008 Authorized Capital Program
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the following agencies for the projects and amounts listed:

Agency	Project	Amount
Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority	Union Depot Federal Design Grant	$781,994
University of Minnesota	Hybrid Bus Purchase	$676,859
Plymouth	Park and Ride Repairs	$300,000
Southwest Transit	Garage Generator	$250,000

Background

- Ramsey County received $781,994 as an FTA earmark for design of the multi-modal transit hub at Union Depot. These funds will be provided to Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, who will provide the required 20% local match.
- The University of Minnesota is receiving FTA 5307 formula funds to purchase at least one (up to three) hybrid bus options off a Metro Transit Gillig contract.
- The City of Plymouth has requested $300,000 to perform repairs on various park-and-ride lots in their city.
- Southwest Transit has requested $250,000 to purchase a back-up generator for Southwest Garage.

Funding

The funding for these projects is included in the 2008 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, the University of Minnesota, Plymouth, and Southwest Transit are aware of and support the Metropolitan Council's intention to execute these agreements.