Transportation Committee

Item: 2008-280

Meeting date: October 13, 2008 Council meeting: October 22, 2008

### **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: October 6, 2008

**Subject:** Authorization to Execute Amended Agreement with Dakota County

Regional Rail Authority

District(s), Member(s): 16, Brian McDaniel

Policy/Legal Reference: 2008 Authorized Capital Program

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amended agreement with Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) for \$5,507,350 for the final purchase of Watson's property adjacent to the Apple Valley Transit Station.

# **Background**

- In 2007, the Council entered into an agreement with DCRRA to pass-through State General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds for Cedar Avenue for the purchase of property to expand the Apple Valley Transit Station. This agreement was authorized by business item 2007-332 for the amount of \$4,570,000.
- The final purchase price was still being negotiated at the time of the original agreement and this amendment will add an additional \$937,350 to cover the final settlement amount of \$830,000 (plus the original \$4,570,000) and relocation costs of \$107,350, per DCRRA.

### **Funding**

The funding for these projects is included in the 2008 Authorized Capital Program. The source of funding will be State G.O. Bonds appropriated to Cedar Avenue BRT.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

DCCRA staff are aware of and requested the Metropolitan Council to execute this agreement.