

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 27, 2008

Council Meeting November 12, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 20, 2008
Subject:	ADA Transit Provider Assistance Agreements for 2009
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statute 473.384, Financial Assistance to Transit Service Minnesota Statute 473.386, Special Transportation Services
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service with ADA transit providers, not to exceed the amounts listed in Attachment A. The agreements shall be effective for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Background

The Council is authorized by legislation to enter into and administer financial assistance agreements with transit providers in the metropolitan region. This request for authorization covers ADA programs operating on a year-to-year cycle that are directly subsidized by the Council. Each of the programs is required to maintain full compliance with all Council policies and with all state and federal laws and regulations that may apply.

The four providers, DARTS (serving Dakota County), H.S.I (serving Washington County), Anoka County Traveler, and Scott County Transit, provide mixed mode service (ADA and general public dial-a-ride) with small and medium sized buses. All four programs utilize computerized reports developed by Metro Mobility that track all ADA paratransit rides. These reports allow Metro Mobility to evaluate the performance of each program and to reimburse the provider for the actual number of ADA rides delivered.

The annual ADA service contracts require a total Council authorization of \$ \$4,027,171 in calendar year 2009. This financial assistance request for the county ADA services represents a 6.9 % increase from the 2008 amended authorization. Most of this cost increase is due to additional demand for service and rate adjustments. See Attachment A for additional details.

Rationale

All Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services in the Metropolitan area are funded through Metro Mobility. Metro Mobility is responsible for ADA compliance for the region and, in addition to its two core service contractors, utilizes four programs along the north, east and south fringes of the service area to deliver trips. These programs, DARTS, H.S.I., Anoka County Traveler, and Scott County, are funded on a per ride delivered basis.

Funding

Funding for these proposed 2009 transit service contracts is included in the approved preliminary 2009 Metropolitan Council Unified Operating Budget.

Known Support/Opposition

There is no known opposition to this request.



Business Item 2008-289 Attachment A

2009 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Annual Transit Contracts

OPERATING ASSISTANCE

	2008	2009	\$ Change	% Change
<u>Rural</u>				
Anoka County Traveler	\$659,269	\$717,250	\$ 57,981	8.8%
DARTS	\$2,286,596	\$2,400,840	\$ 114,244	5.0%
Human Services, Inc. (H.S.I.)	\$329,460	\$394,875	\$ 65,415	19.9%
Scott County	\$492,849	\$514,206	\$ 21,357	4.3%
Total	\$3,768,174	\$4,027,171	\$ 258,997	6.9%