Transportation Committee

SW Item: 2008-224

Meeting date: August 11, 2008 Council meeting August 13, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 11, 2008

Subject: Authorization for the Regional Administrator to Negotiate and

Execute a Revenue Contract for State Fair Transit Service

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy – Income Grants 3-2-2

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a revenue contract with Lorenz Bus Service, Inc., for the purpose of providing free parking lot shuttle buses to the State Fair. This contract will be in effect August 21, 2008, through September 1, 2008, and is expected to cover the cost of operating the service.

Background

Metro Transit has provided this service under a contract to the State Fair in recent years. On April 30, 2008, FTA Charter Service Regulations were changed. Metro Transit/Metropolitan Council determined that the Regulations limit our ability to contract directly with the State Fair this year to provide this service.

Rationale

A contract with Lorenz Bus Service, Inc., will satisfy FTA Regulations and allow Metro Transit to deliver this service as we have in recent years.

Overview and Funding

Metro Transit will charge a fee of \$105.00 per hour (fully allocated cost) and expects to operate approximately 6,400 hours of service. The fee will cover the cost of operating the service.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.