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Business Item

Item: 2009-45

Meeting date: January 26, 2009

Metropolitan Council: February 11, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 23, 2009
Subject: Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for the Construction of the Apple Valley Transit Station
District(s), Member(s): 5, Polly Bowles; 15, Daniel Wolter; 16, Vacant
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

1. Execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to provide \$6,950,000 in Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) and \$1,255,000 in Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) funds for the construction of the Apple Valley Transit Station.
2. Execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to provide \$742,500 in federal discretionary funds and \$185,625 in Cedar Avenue BRT Corridor G.O. Bonds for the construction of the Apple Valley Transit Station.

Background

On October 29, 2008, CTIB approved a grant award for the construction of the Apple Valley Transit Station. The grant application included \$6,925,000 in funding from CTIB with an additional \$1,255,000 from DCRRA as part of the CTIB-required match.

The federal funds were designated by FTA in 2006 and were applied for in 2008. These funds have been directed toward the construction of the Apple Valley Transit Station.

Rationale

These agreements are necessary to pass through the necessary funding for the construction of the Apple Valley Transit Station and to meet the December 31, 2009, UPA construction timeline. Construction bids will be opened on February 2 with contract award expected to follow by mid-February.

Funding

The Apple Valley Transit Station is an estimated \$13 million project that will be funded with \$1 million of federal discretionary funds and local match, \$8 million of CTIB and DCRRA funds, and at least \$4 million of UPA federal funds and local match.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.