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Item: 2009-57

## Meeting date: March 9, 2009

Management Committee: March 11, 2009
Metropolitan Council: March 25, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 24, 2009
Subject: 2009 Unified Operating Budget Amendment
District(s), Member(s) All
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## Proposed Action

That the Council:

- Amend the 2009 Unified Operating Budget in accordance with the attached table.


## Background

This amendment recognizes additional federal revenue, required local match, and related expenses in the Transportation Division 2009 Operating Budget. Staff is recommending the following changes.

## Metro Transit - Bus Operations

Increase/(Decrease) in Revenues: \$252,909; Expenditures: \$252,909; Reserves: \$0

- Metro Transit was awarded a Federal CMAQ grant for service for the Guardian Angels Park and Ride. The federal grant for 2009 is $\$ 252,909$ to cover cost of bus operations to support this service.


## Metropolitan Transportation Services

Increase/(Decrease) in Revenues: \$1,491,610; Expenditures: \$1,516,610; Reserves: $\mathbf{( \$ 2 5 , 0 0 0 )}$

- In 2008 a regional solicitation awarded JARC and New Freedom monies to a number of regional agencies. Many of these federal projects have activities that overlap into 2009. This amendment carries forward their remaining awarded project balances. The $\$ 1,192,770$ in transit provider expense (intergovernmental grants) is offset by federal revenue in the same amount. These projects were previously approved by this Committee on February 25, 2008, with business item 2008-039.
- In 2008 Metro Mobility was awarded a New Freedoms grant in the amount of $\$ 125,000$. This award was to provide Metro Mobility with funds to implement a software project. No work had been performed on this project in 2008 so the entire federal award, local match and project expense are being carried into 2009. The $\$ 25,000$ use of reserves is the required local match to match the awarded $\$ 100,000$ of federal funds. This project was previously approved by this Committee on February 25, 2008, with business item 2008-039.
- In 2008 MTS was awarded a \$237,500 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant for the 2030 Aviation System Plan Update. This grant will be matched using in-kind services of $\$ 12,500$ which is already included in our 2009 operating budget. As of the end of 2008, $\$ 198,840$ of this grant is still unexpended. This amendment seeks to bring in the remaining balance as a consulting expense that will be offset by federal revenue. This project was previously approved by this Committee on October 27, 2008, with business item 2008-257.


## Rationale

This action will carry forward unused federal grant awards and related project expenditures, and recognize, a new federal CMAQ grant for operations.

## Funding

Metro Transit Bus Operations is recognizing additional federal CMAQ funding for to support service for the Guardian Angel Park and Ride.

MTS's expenditure items will be funded with previously awarded federal funds and a one-time use of reserves of $\$ 25,000$.

## Known Support/Opposition

Supported by JARC and New Freedom project recipients (Anoka, Dakota, Scott and Carver counties, SouthWest Transit and the Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis).

No known opposition.

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