

Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-117

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Metropolitan Council meeting April 22, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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Subject: Authorization to execute agreements with MVTA, Northstar Corridor Development Authority, and Plymouth
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

1. Execute an agreement with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) to provide \$443,000 for the lease of a coach bus.
2. Execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) to provide \$346,000 for facility repairs and improvements.
3. Execute an agreement with the City of Plymouth to provide \$300,000 for park-and-ride repairs.

Background

The Metropolitan Council amended the Authorized Capital Program on March 25, 2009 to include an additional \$79,078 for the existing NCDA project previously funded at \$363,922. The additional funds represent federal formula funds earned by NCDA commuter bus service operated in 2007. The Council currently has an agreement with NCDA for \$363,922 representing past federal earnings which will be amended to include the additional \$79,078.

The Council also amended the Authorized Capital Program on March 25, 2009 to combine two MVTA projects, facility improvements and facility repairs for MVTA, into one project to repair and improve their Burnsville bus garage. The agreement for the combined projects totals \$346,000 and will be funded using regional transit capital (RTC) funds.

The third project was amended into the Authorized Capital Program on June 25, 2008 to provide \$300,000 for park-and-ride repairs in the City of Plymouth. This project is also funded with RTC funds.

Rationale

These agreements will allow the NCDA to continue the commuter bus service until the opening of the Northstar Commuter Rail, MVTA to maintain an adequate, functional garage space for buses and staff, and the City of Plymouth to conduct regular repairs for regional customer facilities.

Funding

Funding for these projects is in the Authorized Capital Program and funded with federal RTC funds.

Known Support / Opposition

MVTA, NCDA, and the City of Plymouth are aware of and support this action.