

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 28, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: September 18, 2009
Subject: Transit Provider Assistance Agreement Amendments
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.384, Financial Assistance to Transit Service
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute amendments to 2009 transit provider assistance agreements as listed in Attachment A.

Background

The Council is authorized by legislation to enter into and administer financial assistance agreements with transit providers in the metropolitan region. These providers include existing community-based dial-a-ride systems that are funded under the categories of Small Urban, Rural and Contracted Services. In August 2008 each program submitted a management and service plan for 2009 and actively certified their compliance with all Council policies and State and Federal laws and regulations that may apply. These contracts, originally executed to cover calendar year 2009, provide general public transit subsidized in part or in whole by the Council.

Attachment A details the 2010 funding request for six Small Urban, two Rural, and two hourly-rate programs via amendment to the 2009 agreements. These contracts will terminate during 2010 with the date dependant upon implementation of the Transit Link regional dial-a-ride replacement service so as to avoid any lapse in service. The total value of amendments being requested is \$1,459,894.

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council will implement Transit Link, the new regional dial-a-ride system, in 2010. The implementation will be phased, occurring one county at a time throughout the first half of 2010. Community-based programs, which traditionally have been subsidized by Metropolitan Council, will continue to operate until the transition to Transit Link is complete. The requested contract amendments will allow the Council to provide financial assistance to these programs until the transition occurs.

Funding

Funding for these proposed amendments is included in the approved preliminary 2010 Metropolitan Council Unified Operating Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this request.

2010 Performance Based Funding (PBF) Subsidy Agreement Amendments

	2009 Total Assistance	2009 Monthly Assistance	Number of Months Extended	Total Value of Amendments
<u>Small Urban</u>				
City of Hastings	\$250,841	\$20,903	5	\$104,515
City of Hopkins	\$101,522	\$8,460	2	\$16,920
Lake Area Bus	\$280,017	\$23,335	4	\$93,340
Northeast Suburban Transit	\$177,000	\$14,750	4	\$59,000
PRISM	\$187,040	\$15,587	2	\$31,174
St. Louis Park Emergency Program	\$15,071	\$1,256	2	\$2,512
Subtotal	\$1,011,491	\$84,291		\$307,461
<u>Rural</u>				
DARTS	\$402,146	\$33,512	5	\$167,560
Human Services, Inc. (H.S.I.)	\$371,873	\$30,989	4	\$123,956
Subtotal	\$774,019	\$64,501		\$291,516
<u>Hourly Rate</u>				
Anoka County Traveler Regular Route*	\$1,035,437	\$86,286	6	\$565,359
Osseo Circulator	\$24,252	\$2,021	2	\$4,042
Subtotal	\$24,252	\$2,021		\$860,917
* Route 811 service added in November 2009, so amendment slightly higher than one-half 2009 assistance level				
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,809,762	\$150,813		\$1,459,894