

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	November 16, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	ADA and Transit Link Dial-a-Ride Transit Assistance Agreements
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statute 473.384, Financial Assistance to Transit Service Minnesota Statute 473.386, Special Transportation Services
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute intergovernmental agreements for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service and Transit Link Dial-a-Ride service with two transit providers not to exceed the following amounts:

Anoka County Traveler	\$2,745,100
Smart Link (Carver/Scott County)	\$2,561,900

The agreements shall be effective for the period January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011.

**Background**

The Council is authorized by legislation to enter into and administer financial assistance agreements with transit providers in the metropolitan region. Each of the programs is required to maintain full compliance with all Council policies and with all state and federal laws and regulations that may apply.

Anoka County and Smart Link (Carver/Scott County) provide ADA dial-a-ride service under contract with the Council using small and medium sized buses in their respective counties. In addition the Council will pay Carver, Scott and Anoka Counties to provide Transit Link dial-a-ride service. Carver/Scott County elected to directly operated Transit Link Service and Anoka County will provide administrative oversight and utilize a competitively procured service provider to deliver service in Anoka County and Northwest Ramsey County.

**Rationale**

All ADA services in the Metropolitan area are funded through Metro Mobility. Metro Mobility is responsible for ADA compliance for the region. The ADA component of these contracts is projected to cost the Council \$1,131,000 in Anoka County and \$861,050 in Scott County through the first half of 2011. The remaining contract balance of \$3,314,950 is split with \$1,614,100 going to Anoka County and \$1,700,850 to Scott/Carver to provide Transit Link Services over the same eighteen month period.

**Known Support/Opposition Issue(s)**

There is no known opposition to this request.