

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: May 24, 2010
Council Meeting: June 9, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: May 19, 2010
Subject: Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with MVTA and Dakota County
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: 2010 Capital Program
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant with MVTA for up to \$335,000 and Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) for up to \$800,000 for several tasks associated with the Cedar Avenue BRT project.

Background

MVTA will receive up to \$335,000 and DCRRA will receive up to \$800,000 in State General Obligation Bonds allocated to Cedar Avenue BRT for several tasks. For MVTA, these tasks include determining a bus layover facility for Cedar Avenue BRT service near the Apple Valley Transit Station, determining a location for an additional 1,400 park-and-ride spaces in Apple Valley, and funding for the Cedar Avenue BRT Station-to-Station service Environmental Assessment. For DCRRA, these tasks include an update of the implementation plan for the project, additional scope for designing the roadway improvements, transit signal priority design and engineering, and County staff administration of the project.

Rationale

These grants will allow MVTA and DCRRA to fund transit capital projects for the Cedar Avenue BRT using State General Obligation Bonds distributed by the Metropolitan Council.

Funding

The funding for this grant will use \$1,135,000 in State General Obligation Bonds for the project which is included in the 2010 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition. MVTA and Dakota County support this action.