

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 23, 2010

Council Meeting: September 8, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 22, 2010
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with SouthWest Transit
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 authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant with SouthWest Transit (SWT) for up to \$946,381 for the purchase of one double-decker bus.

Background

SouthWest Transit will be opening the Market Street Station in Chanhassen in 2011. As part of the expanded service to and from this location, it is necessary to expand SWT's fleet. SouthWest has requested to purchase a double-decker bus which will be used to run peak service to and from downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.

Rationale

This grant allows regional transit providers and transit capital sponsor agencies to fund transit capital projects using Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds distributed by the Metropolitan Council.

Funding

The funding for this grant includes \$757,105 (80%) of CMAQ funds designated for regional fleet expansion and \$189,276 (20%) of RTC match funds which are already included in the 2010 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.