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Business Item

Item: 2011-128

Meeting date: May 9, 2011

Metropolitan Council meeting date: May 25, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 27, 2011
Subject:	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) DARTS Contract Amendment #2
District(s), Member(s):	13 – Richard Kramer; 15 – Steven T. Chávez; 16 – Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statue 473.384, Financial Assistance to Transit Service Minnesota Statue 473.386, Special Transportation Services
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to amend contract number 10P062 with DARTS, for the provision of ADA service, by \$95,000 for a new contract total of \$4,000,500.

Background

On November 18, 2009 the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with DARTS for the period January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 to provide ADA paratransit trips in Dakota County. The original contract was for \$3,685,500. The first amendment increasing the contract amount by \$220,000 was approved by the Council on December 8, 2010.

Rationale

DARTS is currently compensated by the Metropolitan Council on a per passenger trip delivered basis. Because the demand for service has exceeded the ridership projections made in 2009, the value of the contract must be increased to fully cover the cost of the trips that will be delivered by DARTS through June 30, 2011. DARTS ridership increased 11.7% for the first quarter of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. This represents an additional 4,177 rides. Metro Mobility staff anticipates this trend to continue and has included adequate funding to support this sustained growth for the remainder of the contract within this amendment request. This amendment also provides funding for an additional part-time evening dispatcher for the remainder of the contract term at a cost of approximately \$3,000.

Funding

A budget amendment is not necessary at this time. A contingency of \$250,000 was built into the Metropolitan Council's 2011 Unified Operating Budget for Metro Mobility to absorb higher than estimated increases in demand for service.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.