

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 22, 2011

Council Meeting: September 14, 2011

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** August 5, 2011

**Subject:** Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for Cedar Avenue BRT Station Construction

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2011 Authorized Capital Program

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for an amount up to \$3,543,691 for design and construction of two walk-up stations on Cedar Avenue BRT.

### Background

This grant agreement is for the design, construction, and construction administration of two walk-up stations on Cedar Avenue BRT at approximately 140<sup>th</sup> Street and 147<sup>th</sup> Street in Apple Valley. The stations are part of Stage 1 of the Cedar Avenue BRT project to be implemented by the end of 2012 and the funding is being provided by funds appropriated to the project by the state.

### Rationale

The Metropolitan Council is the recipient of State General Obligation Bond funds for the Cedar Avenue BRT project but the design and construction of these two stations will be administered by MVTA. Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority, the lead agency for the Cedar Avenue BRT project, has formally requested that these funds be designated for MVTA for up to the amount indicated in the action for the implementation of the project.

### Funding

Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority has requested that State General Obligation Bond funds appropriated for Cedar Avenue BRT be used to fund this project. The funds are included in the Council's Authorized Capital Program.

### Known Support / Opposition

This action was requested by Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority in cooperation with MVTA.