

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 28, 2011

Metropolitan Council meeting: December 14, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 14, 2011
Subject:	Authorization to Execute a Grant Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority
District(s), Member(s):	4 - Gary Van Eyll, 15 - Steven T. Chávez, 16 - Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	2012 Operating Budget
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Division/Department:	Transportation - Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$3,942,000 with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) to provide supplemental transit operating funding during CY2012.

Background

During preparation of the CY2012 transit operating budget, Council staff calculated the amount of Regionally Allocated MVST (MVST above the base 21.5%) that would be needed by the Suburban Transit Providers (STPs) to preserve their existing service levels and maintain target fund balance levels in 2012. The \$3.942,000 amount was calculated for MVTA using the adopted Regional Transit Operating Revenue Allocation procedure. In order for MVTA to begin receiving Regionally Allocated MVST funds in January 2012 the contract needs to be executed.

Rationale

The region's projected transit operating revenues currently allow only for funding preservation of existing transit service levels. This request is necessary for MVTA to preserve their existing transit service in CY2012 and to maintain a 25% minimum fund balance.

Funding

The funding for these grants will be Regionally Allocated MVST. Regionally Allocated MVST funds are MVST funds received by the Council above the base 21.5% due to the 2006 constitutional amendment. The necessary contract amount is included in MTS's draft 2012 Operating Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

MVTA supports receiving these funds.