

**T** Transportation Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2008

Item: 2008-188

Consent

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** July 16, 2008

**Subject:** Subrecipient Agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and Dakota County

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sub-recipient agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) and Dakota County for state funds needed to deliver the five Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations as called for in the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA).

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

This item was presented by Craig Lamothe. After discussion by council members and response by staff, the item passed unanimously.

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**Business Item**

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**Meeting date: July 14, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	July 14, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	Subrecipient Agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and Dakota County
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes 473.129 and 473.405 2008 Authorized Capital Program
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Transportation

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### Background

The UPA provides a comprehensive approach to congestion reduction that includes congestion pricing, transit improvements, telecommuting/telework, and the use of advanced technologies. Under the UPA program, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) awarded a series of grants totaling \$133.3 million jointly to MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council including an FTA grant for \$85.9 million to fund transit improvements. With few exceptions, all elements of the UPA program must be complete by September 30, 2009.

As part of the UPA, the region committed to constructing five new advanced BRT stations along the TH 77 corridor and expanding park-and-ride spaces at one of these stations. Unlike the other UPA transit projects, the UPA provides only some of the funding necessary to complete these projects. The remaining funding has been previously appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature in the form of state general obligation bonds from 2005, 2006 and 2008. These are the funds that are the subject of this request.

Metropolitan Council, as the grantee, is responsible for administration and management of the grant in compliance with the grant agreement. The grantee is also responsible for funds that “pass through” to a subrecipient. A subrecipient agreement with MVTA and Dakota County is necessary to codify each party’s responsibilities and obligations to the other, thereby establishing the “pass through” mechanism.

### Rationale

- Council approval is required to enter into interagency agreements, which includes sub-recipient agreements.

## Funding

The table below identifies the 2005, 2006, and 2008 state general obligation bonds that have been appropriated for implementing BRT on Cedar Avenue.

Type of Funding	Total Appropriated	Previously Committed in Agreements	Remaining to be Committed
2005 GO Bonds	\$9,812,500	\$5,211,920	\$4,600,580
2006 GO Bonds	\$5,000,000	\$1,150,000	\$3,850,000
2008 GO Bonds	\$4,000,000	---	\$4,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,812,500</b>	<b>\$6,361,920</b>	<b>\$12,450,580</b>

The table below identifies project scope elements and budgets per sub-recipient.

Sub-recipient	Project Description	Estimated Project Budget <sup>1</sup>
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	Design and build Bus Rapid Transit stations at Cedar Grove, 140 <sup>th</sup> St, 147 <sup>th</sup> St, and Apple Valley Transit Station.	\$8,450,580
Dakota County	Acquire land for 140 <sup>th</sup> St, 147 <sup>th</sup> St, and Apple Valley Transit Station.	\$4,000,000
<b>Sub-Recipient Budget Total</b>		<b>\$12,450,580</b>

## Known Support / Opposition

USDOT selected the Minneapolis/St. Paul region as one of five urban partners in August 2007. The Minnesota State Legislature and the Governor approved all of the necessary local match and enabling legislation for the Urban Partnership Agreement by the federally mandated deadline of May 12, 2008.

<sup>1</sup> These are estimated allocations. The final allocations will be determined during agreement development. The values may not represent total project cost since some project elements may have additional funding sources.