

# T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 22, 2008

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date Prepared:** October 14, 2008

**Subject:** Authorization to Execute Agreements with Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Southwest Transit, Plymouth, and University of Minnesota

### Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the following agencies for the projects and amounts listed:

Agency	Project	Amount
Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority	Union Depot Federal Design Grant	\$781,994
University of Minnesota	Hybrid Bus Purchase	\$676,859
Plymouth	Park and Ride Repairs	\$300,000
Southwest Transit	Garage Generator	\$250,000

### Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

One question was raised about the operating efficiency of hybrid buses as it compares to standard propulsion. Brain Lamb discussed the hybrid buses fuel efficiency and maintenance records.

Motion was made, seconded and passed.

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**Business Item**

Item: 2008-279

**Meeting date: October 13, 2008**

**Council meeting: October 22, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** September 24, 2008  
**Subject:** Authorization to Execute Agreements with Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Southwest Transit, Plymouth, and University of Minnesota  
**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2008 Authorized Capital Program  
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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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## Background

- Ramsey County received \$781,994 as an FTA earmark for design of the multi-modal transit hub at Union Depot. These funds will be provided to Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, who will provide the required 20% local match.
- The University of Minnesota is receiving FTA 5307 formula funds to purchase at least one (up to three) hybrid bus options off a Metro Transit Gillig contract.
- The City of Plymouth has requested \$300,000 to perform repairs on various park-and-ride lots in their city.
- Southwest Transit has requested \$250,000 to purchase a back-up generator for Southwest Garage.

## Funding

The funding for these projects is included in the 2008 Authorized Capital Program.

## Known Support / Opposition

Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, the University of Minnesota, Plymouth, and Southwest Transit are aware of and support the Metropolitan Council's intention to execute these agreements.