

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 23,
2009

Item: 2009-313

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date September 15, 2009
Prepared:
Subject: Authorization to Execute Agreement with MVTA for the Cedar Avenue
Lakeville BRT Express Service

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to provide Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT express service in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item. She explained that the most cost effective and efficient service plan for the new Cedar Avenue BRT park-and-ride in Lakeville would be to extend Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) trips that serve the Apple Valley Transit Station. MVTA concurs.

Ms. McCarthy explained that a temporary location may need to be used for the first few weeks in the event the permanent park-and-ride facility is not ready for use by September 28. Staff is working with Lakeville on securing a nearby temporary location.

In response to Councilmember questions, Ms. McCarthy clarified that the two coach buses being provided to MVTA were the same as the new buses being used on the Lakeville 35W BRT service and that the Council would own the vehicles. The buses for the future station-to-station service for the two BRT corridors will not be coach buses.

A motion for the proposed action was made, seconded and approved.

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Meeting date: September 14, 2009

Council Meeting: September 23, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 2, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Agreement with MVTA for the Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT Express Service
District(s), Member(s):	16 – Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-4-3 - Procurement Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director (651-602-1058) Mary Karlsson, Senior Planner (651-602-1819)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

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Background

A new Cedar Avenue BRT park-and-ride in Lakeville is being constructed as part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA). The Council's agreement with the City of Lakeville for paying the regional transit capital (RTC) levy calls for the new service to be initiated no later than September 30, 2009, the original UPA deadline. If the new park-and-ride facility is not available for use on the service start date, a nearby temporary location will be used.

The agreement calls for the Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT express service to initially be five trips each weekday morning and afternoon provided by MVTA. Each trip will serve both the Lakeville park-and-ride as well as the new Apple Valley Transit Station, also being funded by the UPA. The Council will provide MVTA with two additional coach buses, funded by the UPA and RTC local match, to provide the Lakeville service.

The new express service will have one new morning and afternoon trip serving Apple Valley Transit Station starting September 14, and five trip extensions to Lakeville starting Monday, September 28, 2009. The Council's contract with MVTA for this service will have a 27.5-month term (September 14, 2009 through December 31, 2011) plus a one-year option.

Rationale

This new service is required per Council agreements with the City of Lakeville and the USDOT.

Funding

The Council's adopted 2009 and proposed 2010 Operating Budgets program funding for the Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT Express Service. The Council and the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) will each fund 50% of the operating subsidy. CTIB has awarded a grant to the Council for 2009. The Council is submitting a grant request to CTIB for 2010 funding with award expected in October 2009. MVTA will be reimbursed for its actual costs in providing the service.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Lakeville and MVTA support this action.