

Meeting date: April 23, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	April 23, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Apply for JARC Funding
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Federal Transit Administration Section 5316
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director of MTS (651-602-1217) Gerri Sutton, Asst. Dir. of Contracted Transit Services (651-602-1672) John Harper, Supervisor of Contracted Transit Services (651-602-1744)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Council approve Resolution 2007-11, authorizing the Metropolitan Council to apply for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Issue(s)

Van Go! costs were fully supported by Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding during the program's first three years. Beyond the first three years, funding is available through other federal sources, but requires the Council to provide a local match. The local match for 2007 is \$200,000.

There are approximately 275 Van Go! participants that either go to work or reside outside of the seven county metro area and 25% of the total Van Go! mileage is generated within the collar county area. Using that information, collar county participants have been assessed an additional quarterly fee to fund 25% of the required local match. This equates to \$180.00 annually for each of the collar county participants.

The Council is seeking funds through MnDOT's JARC and New Freedoms solicitation process to relieve participants of the quarterly fee. MnDOT's process requires applicants to submit a governing body resolution.

Overview and Funding

The 2007 adopted budget includes \$50,000 in revenue from collar county Van Go! participants. A successful award of JARC funds would be reflected through a budget amendment to replace local funding with the federal award.

Resolution 2007-11

RESOLUTION

Resolved that the Metropolitan Council enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to receive a Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute - JARC) grant to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals.)

Further resolved that the Metropolitan Council agrees to provide a local share of 20% of net capital costs for JARC Capital, Planning and Marketing projects, and 50% of net operating costs for JARC operating projects.

Further resolved that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by the Metropolitan Council at a duly authorized meeting held on the 9th day of May, 2007 as shown by the minutes of the meeting in my possession.

(Name)

Notary: _____

(Title)