Item: 2007-255

# Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 13, 2007

### **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** August 2, 2007

**Subject:** Contract Amendment with NEST to operate Route 219

**District(s), Member(s):** 11-Georgeanne Hilker, 12-Sherry Broecker, 13-Richard Aguilar

Policy/Legal Reference: Transportation Policy Plan 6a: Transit Service Options

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

## **Proposed Action/Motion**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment with Northeast Suburban Transit for Route 219 transit service from October 1, 2007 to December 1, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$59,300 for the term.

#### Issue(s)

- MTS staff will be combining Route 219, the South County Circulator and Route 417 into one service contract to be competitively procured through a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP will be released during August 2007 and the new contract will commence on December 2, 2007.
- Current contract expires September 30, 2007.

## **Overview and Funding**

Route 219 began in June 2001 as a component of Sector 2 service restructuring. This route is a suburb-to-suburb connector providing all-day weekday service between Maplewood Mall and Sun Ray Transit Center. Nodes serviced by this route include White Bear Lake High School, Century College, North St. Paul Community Center, Oakdale City Hall, Globe College, and 3M Headquarters.

Funding for this service is included in the 2007 operating budget.