Item: 2007-257

# Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 13, 2007

#### **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** August 2, 2007

**Subject:** Contract Amendment with H.S.I. to operate the South Washington County

transit service contract

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**Policy/Legal Reference:** Transportation Policy Plan 6a: Transit Service Options **Staff Prepared/Presented:** Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651)602-1754

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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 Human Services, Inc. (H.S.I) for South Washington County transit service from October 1, 2007 to December 1, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$149,160 for the term.

## Issue(s)

- MTS staff will be combining the South County Circulator, Route 417 and Route 219 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

The South County Circulator routes began in September 1997 as a restructuring initiative to enhance transit service in the southern portion of Washington County. In 2005, service on Rt. 223 between Maplewood Mall, Rosedale Mall and Little Canada was added to the contract. This requested contract extension assures uninterrupted transit service in Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Newport, St. Paul Park and between Maplewood Mall, Rosedale Mall and Little Canada.

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