

Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2008-85

Meeting date: March 24 , 2008

Council meeting April 9, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: March 17, 2008
Subject: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for the purchase of six replacement buses
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Transportation Policy Plan, 2007 Capital Improvement Plan
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for the purchase of six replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.

Background

Rationale

MVTA will replace six Bluebird buses which have reached the end of their useful life per Federal Transit Administration regulations. This investment reflects the Council's commitment to maintain and preserve regional transit investments and is in alignment with the objectives of the unified capital programming process.

Funding

The purchase of these replacement vehicles is an authorized project in the 2008 Capital Improvement Plan. These replacement vehicles are funded with Regional Transit Capital.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.