

# T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-395

Meeting date: November 9, 2009

Council meeting: November 18, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	November 5, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	ADA Transit Assistance Agreements 2010-2011
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	11-Georgeanne Hilker, 12-Sherry Broecker, 13-Richard Aguilar, 15-Daniel Wolter, 16-Wendy Wulff
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statute 473.384, Financial Assistance to Transit Service Minnesota Statute 473.386, Special Transportation Services
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service with two transit providers not to exceed the following amounts for the period January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

DARTS -	\$3,685,500
Humans Service, Inc. (H.S.I.) -	\$ 665,875

### Background

The Council is authorized by legislation to enter into and administer financial assistance agreements with transit providers in the metropolitan region. Each of the programs is required to maintain full compliance with all Council policies and with all state and federal laws and regulations that may apply.

H.S.I. and DARTS provide ADA dial-a-ride service using small and medium-sized buses. New in 2010, is the integration of DARTS and H.S.I. into Metro Mobility's computer network, database, and telephone systems which will provide their customers the same features available to Metro Mobility customers. These programs will also benefit from new on-line invoicing and reporting functions to be introduced this coming year. All of these improvements will allow the Metro Mobility Service Center to more effectively and efficiently monitor the performance of each contractor.

The ADA service contracts require a total Council authorization of \$4,351,375 for calendar year 2010 and the first half of 2011. During this term, approximately 223,150 rides will be delivered at an average subsidy of \$19.50 per ride. This financial assistance request for the county ADA services represents a departure from previous years practice in that it is for a period of 18 months. This is being done to synchronize the contract terms between service providers in Dakota and Washington County with the core Metro Mobility providers in which contracts and service changes commence on July 1.

### Rationale

All ADA services in the Metropolitan area are funded through Metro Mobility. Metro Mobility is responsible for ADA compliance for the region. DARTS and H.S.I. provide service on the outer areas of the Metro Mobility service area in Dakota and Washington County and are funded on a per ride delivered basis.

**Funding**

Funding for these proposed 2010 - 2011 transit service contracts is included in the approved preliminary 2010 Metropolitan Council Unified Operating Budget.

**Known Support**

No known opposition.