

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 27, 2009

Council meeting August 12, 2009

### ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	July 22, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to apply for Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Funds
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Federal Transit Administration Section 5311
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arlene McCarthy, Director of MTS (651-602-1217) Gerri Sutton, Assistant Director of Contracted Transit Services (651-602-1672) John Harper, Supervisor of Contracted Transit Services (651-602-1744)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve Resolution 2009-13 authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for 2010 Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

### Background

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) apportions the funds appropriated annually to the chief executive officer of each State for public transportation projects in nonurbanized areas. Within Minnesota, these funds are administered by MnDOT. Eighty percent of the statutory formula is based on the nonurbanized population of the States and twenty percent is based on land area. Based on 2000 census data, the seven county metro area accounts for 11% of the population and 2.4% of the geographic area of the total Minnesota nonurbanized area.

MnDOT oversees a competitive process to disburse Section 5311 funds, which may be used to fund capital projects, at 80 percent reimbursement, or operating costs, at 50 percent reimbursement. Projects funded through this program must serve residents of nonurbanized areas.

### Rationale

MnDOT receives just over \$12 million annually from the Federal Transit Administration to fund transit services in nonurbanized areas throughout the state of Minnesota. Nonurbanized population and geographic area within the Council's jurisdiction are included in the federal funding formula. Approval of this resolution will enable Council staff to apply for Section 5311 funds to support restructured regional dial-a-ride service in the nonurban portion of the Metropolitan Area.

### Funding

Metropolitan Transportation Services has included \$1 million in nonurbanized formula funds in its proposed 2010 operating budget. The final budget will reflect the actual 5311 funding award which will be known by mid-October. This funding will be used to support Transit Link dial-a-ride service in the nonurban portions of the service area.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to Metropolitan Council applying for this funding.

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**RESOLUTION 2009-13**

**Resolution Authorizing the Metropolitan Council to  
Apply for 2010 Section 5311 (Nonurbanized Area Formula Program) Funding  
from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)**

**Resolved**, that the Metropolitan Council enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to receive a Section 5311 (Nonurbanized Area Formula Program) grant to provide public transportation service in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

**Further resolved**, that the Metropolitan Council agrees to provide a local share of 20% of net capital costs and 50% of net operating costs.

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

Adopted this 12th day of August, 2009.

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Peter Bell, Chair

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Pat Curtiss, Council Recording Secretary

**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 12th day of August, 2009, as shown by the minutes of the meeting in my possession.

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Pat Curtiss, Council Recording Secretary