

**T** Transportation Committee  
 Meeting date: February 22, 2010  
 Council Meeting: March 10, 2010

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: February 17, 2010  
 Subject: Authorization to Execute an Agreement with MVTA  
 District(s), Member(s): All  
 Policy/Legal Reference: 2010 Unified Capital Program and Budget  
 Staff Prepared/Presented: Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754)  
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 Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for \$1,228,500 for the purchase of two vehicles for operations along Cedar Avenue.

**Background**

This authorization will allow MVTA to purchase two forty foot buses for operations out of the Cedar Grove facility on Cedar Avenue BRT. This agreement will authorize MVTA to use the local portion of a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant that they were awarded for running operations along Cedar Avenue. The CMAQ award is intended to buy buses, fare collection equipment and signage for use along the Cedar Avenue BRT.

This item is only authorizing the local share of the award because the federal funds have not been awarded at this time. The application process is currently underway and a federal preapproval has been filed allowing for the advanced purchase of these vehicles.

**Rationale**

This action will allow MVTA to purchase buses for operations along Cedar Avenue BRT serving the Cedar Grove station beginning in September 2010.

**Funding**

This project will be funded using regional transit capital funds that already exist in the current Authorized Capital Program. This funding and project were authorized on September 10, 2008, with Business Item 2008-211. The federal portion of this award will be amended into this agreement when the federal funds are awarded. The total amount of this grant including this local match is \$6,142,500.

**Known Support / Opposition**

MVTA supports this business item and requested action.