

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 23, 2010

Council Meeting: September 8, 2010

### ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| <b>Date:</b>                     | April 22, 2010   |
| <b>Subject:</b>                  | Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with the City of Ramsey   |
| <b>District(s), Member(s):</b>   | All  |
| <b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>   | 2010 Capital Program and Business Item 2010-193  |
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| <b>Division/Department:</b>      | Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)   |

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant with the City of Ramsey for up to \$824,818 for reimbursement of previously provided Ramsey Star Service.

### Background

Through the 2005 Regional Solicitation Process, the City of Ramsey submitted and received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) award for three years of operating assistance to operate two coach buses that supply express bus service between Ramsey Town Center and Minneapolis in 2009 through 2011.

Mn/DOT originally applied for the FFY 2009 CMAQ award in grant MN-95-X012. Mn/DOT requested that the Council assume administration of this federal grant. They have since deobligated the funds for which the Council is now applying for, along with the 2010 award.

### Rationale

This grant authorization will allow the Council to apply for the CMAQ funds and reimburse the City of Ramsey for the Ramsey Star Service.

### Funding

The funding for this grant includes \$824,818 (80%) of CMAQ funds and a required local match of \$206,205 (20%) funded by the City. These pass through operating funds are already in the Council's 2010 operating budget and were approved by the Council with Business Item 2010-193.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.