

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 13, 2010

Council Meeting: September 22, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 7, 2010
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements with Dakota County, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, and the City of Hastings
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2010 Capital Program
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements with Dakota County, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA), and the City of Hastings for the following projects and amounts:

Agency:	Project:	Agreement Amount:
Dakota County	Cedar Avenue BRT State Bonds – Bus-shoulder lane construction	\$4,094,500
RCRRA	Red Rock State Bonds – East Metro Railroad Capacity Analysis	\$400,000
City of Hastings	Red Rock State Bonds – Hastings Park-and-ride Construction	\$600,000

Background

Dakota County will receive \$4,094,500 in State bond funds to construct bus-shoulder lane improvements on Cedar Avenue in Apple Valley and Lakeville.

RCRRA will receive \$400,000 in State bond funds to match federal funds for an analysis and preliminary engineering of railroad capacity in the east metro as part of the Red Rock corridor.

The City of Hastings will receive \$600,000 in State bonds funds to construct a park-and-ride facility along the Red Rock corridor within the City of Hastings.

Rationale

These grants allow transit capital sponsor agencies to fund transit capital projects using State bonds appropriated to the Metropolitan Council for the specific transitway.

Funding

The funding for these grants is entirely State bond funds allocated by the Legislature for the specified projects and included in the 2010 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.