

T Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: November 22, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting on December 8, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 16, 2010
Subject: 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Contract Amendments
District(s), Member(s): All Council Members
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.384, Financial Assistance to Transit Service
 Minnesota Statute 473.386, Special Transportation Services
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Transit Provider Assistance Agreements and increase the maximum contract amount by \$40,000 for Human Service Inc. (10P061) and \$220,000 for DARTS (10P062).

Background

This following funding table provides an overview of the ADA service contracts affected. The agreements will expire on June 30, 2011.

	<u>Authorized Funding</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Amended Funding</u>
DARTS	\$3,685,500	\$220,000	\$3,905,500
Human Services Inc. (HSI)	\$ 665,875	\$ 40,000	\$ 705,875
Totals	\$7,096,475	\$260,000	\$4,611,375

Rationale

DARTS and Human Services Inc. are compensated on a per trip delivered basis. Because the demand for service has exceeded projections the value of the contract must be increased to fully cover the cost of the trips that will be delivered by these providers through June 30, 2011. Through October 2010, DARTS ridership is up 5% while HSI ridership is up 4%. Metro Mobility anticipates this trend to continue and increase to 7% and 6% ridership growth respectively for the remainder of the contract.

Funding

The Transportation Committee at its November 9, 2009 meeting approved the recommendation to the Metropolitan Council of the Transit Providers Assistance Agreements for the period January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for DARTS and Human Services Inc. Metro Mobility will draw on unspent funds in the 2010 Adopted Budget to pay for this unanticipated increase in trips delivered by DARTS, H.S.I., and the Anoka County Traveler.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.