

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 27, 2011

Council Meeting: July 13, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 14, 2011
Subject:	Authorization to Execute a Grant Agreement with MVTA
District(s), Member(s):	District 16 - Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	2011 Capital Program
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director (651-602-1058) Cole Hiniker, Planner (651-602-1748)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with MVTA for up to \$1,487,500 for expansion of the Apple Valley Transit Station on Cedar Avenue BRT.

Background

Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (DCRRA) and MVTA have identified a need to expand the Apple Valley Transit Station to accommodate more buses and additional waiting areas for patrons and add various technology enhancements in anticipation of Cedar Avenue BRT station-to-station operations in late 2012.

DCRRA, the lead agency for the Cedar Avenue BRT project, has directed the Council to grant a 2009 discretionary grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$950,000 to the project. The Council is the designated recipient of FTA funds for the region and must enter into an agreement with MVTA to pass-through the funds.

DCRRA has also directed the Council to grant \$537,500 in State General Obligation bond funds for Cedar Avenue BRT to this project to match federal funds and fund the design of the expansion. The Council serves as the recipient of the State G.O. bonds and must enter into an agreement with MVTA to pass-through the funds, per DCRRA's request.

Rationale

The Council is the direct recipient of FTA and State G.O. bond funds for the Cedar Avenue BRT project and must enter into grant agreements to allow other agencies to implement aspects of the project. DCRRA maintains overall authority over the Cedar Avenue BRT budget and requested these funds be directed to MVTA for this purpose.

Funding

The funding for this grant will use \$950,000 in FTA funding and \$537,500 in State General Obligation bond funds authorized in the 2011 capital program. This grant has no fiscal impact on the Council.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition. DCRRA and MVTA support this action.