

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: October 24, 2011  
Metropolitan Council Meeting November 9, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	October 17, 2011
<b>Subject:</b>	ADA and Transit Link Service Agreements with Scott and Anoka Counties
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	2-Lona Schreiber, 4-Gary Van Eyll, 9-Edward Reynoso, 10-John Doan, 11-Sandy Rummel
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statute 473.384, Financial Assistance to Transit Service Minnesota Statute 473.386 Special Transportation Service
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute intergovernmental agreements for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Transit Link dial-a-ride services with two transit providers not to exceed the following amounts:

Anoka County Traveler	\$4,511,274
Smart Link (Scott/Carver County)	\$3,463,222

The agreements shall be effective for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

**Background**

The Council is authorized by legislation to enter into and administer service agreements in the metropolitan area. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") requires the Council to provide paratransit service, to ADA certified individuals, that is complementary to its fixed route service. In addition, Minnesota Statute §473.386 requires the Council to provide similar service (called Non-ADA) to ADA certified riders throughout the transit taxing district as defined March 1, 2006. Complying with these mandates is the responsibility of Metro Mobility. Transit Link is a dial-a-ride service provided to the general public in areas where regular route service is not available.

Anoka County and Smart Link (Carver/Scott Counties) provide ADA dial-a-ride and Transit Link dial-a-ride service under contract with the Council using small and medium sized buses in their respective counties. Carver/Scott Counties directly operate dial-a-ride service while Anoka County utilizes a turn-key contract with a private provider, MV Transportation, to deliver service in Anoka County and Northwest Ramsey County. Anoka County provides administrative oversight of the service. Each provider is required

to maintain full compliance with all Council policies and with all state and federal laws and regulations that may apply.

### **Rationale**

County-administered programs are an integral part of fulfilling the Council's transit requirements. Anoka County administers the Traveler service in Anoka County and northwest Ramsey County. Scott County administers the Smart Link program in Scott and Carver counties.

The Council enters into intergovernmental agreements to fund ongoing operations of these programs in lieu of contracting with additional service providers. The result is a streamlined and cost effective approach to delivering transit service in their respective areas on behalf of the Council.

### **Funding**

The ADA and Non-ADA components of these contracts are projected to cost the Council \$3,106,628 in Anoka County and \$1,211,000 in Scott/Carver County. The remaining contract balance of \$1,404,646 for Anoka County and \$2,252,222 for Scott County is designated for Transit Link service over the same two year period. Funding for these services is included in the proposed 2012 operating budget.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this request.