

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 28, 2011

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	November 21, 2011
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Execute a Capital Grant Agreement with MVTA
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	4 – Gary Van Eyll, 15 – Steven T. Chávez, 16 – Wendy Wulff
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2011 Capital Program and Business Item 2010-261
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director (651-602-1058) Sean Pfeiffer (651-602-1887)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for \$3,500,000 for the purchase of seven (7) vehicles for Cedar Avenue BRT station-to-station operations.

### Background

This authorization will allow MVTA to purchase seven (7) forty foot buses for station-to-station service on the Cedar Avenue BRT corridor.

During the 2005 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) solicitation MVTA applied for and was awarded a grant for the purchase of vehicles and ITS components for station-to-station service on Cedar Avenue. This item authorizes the Council to enter into an agreement with MVTA to purchase seven (7) station-to-station BRT vehicles. These vehicles represent only a portion of the CMAQ award with \$1,753,700 remaining in federal and local funds to be distributed to MVTA in a future agreement.

### Rationale

This agreement will allow MVTA to purchase 7 BRT style buses for station-to-station operations along the Cedar Avenue BRT corridor.

### Funding

The project will be funded with \$2,800,000 (80%) of CMAQ funds and \$700,000 (20%) of Regional Transit Capital funds. This funding was previously authorized and brought into the authorized capital program on September 10, 2008, with Business Item 2008-211.

### Known Support / Opposition

MVTA supports this requested action.