

# T Transportation Committee

Item: 2007-24

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 24,  
2007

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date Prepared:** January 9, 2007

Authorization to Execute Contracts for MVTA Bus Technology and Northstar

**Subject:** Commuter Coach Lease

### **Summary of Committee Discussion:**

Cole Hiniker, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item to the committee and answered questions from committee members. Motion was made by P.Leppik, seconded by N.Haas Steffen. Motion passed with A.Meeks voting against.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Regional Administrator be authorized to execute contracts for up to \$100,000 for MVTA bus technology and up to \$229,751 for the Northstar Commuter Coach lease.

# Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 8, 2007

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	1/2/2007
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Execute Contracts for MVTA Bus Technology and Northstar Commuter Coach Lease
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2007-2012 CIP
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Arlene McCarthy, Director, 651-602-1754 Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director, Finance & Planning, 651-602-1508 Cole Hiniker, Financial Planning Technician, 651-602-1748
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services

### Proposed Action/Motion

That the Regional Administrator be authorized to execute contracts for up to \$100,000 for MVTA bus technology and up to \$229,751 for the Northstar Commuter Coach lease.

### Issue(s)

- None

### Overview and Funding

The Council approves funding for capital spending and must give contract authority separate from funding approval. This action provides the legal authority to execute contracts for previously approved capital projects in the 2007 CIP.

- The 2007-2012 CIP added \$100,000 for a new project that will allow for a GPS-driver, lane-assist demonstration project on Cedar Avenue. The funding for this project will be state bonding money, which will match Federal funding. This is a joint project with the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota.

The 2007-2012 CIP added \$33,333 of 2006 NTD funding for the Northstar Commuter Coach lease project. This request will allow an amendment to the existing contract to add this funding.