

# T Transportation Committee

Executive Summary

Item: 2007-294

Consent

Meeting date: September 26, 2007 Metropolitan Council meeting

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** August 31, 2007  
**Subject:** Scott County and DARTS Contract Amendments for ADA Service  
**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/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to amend the 2007 Transit Provider Assistance Agreements with DARTS (06P179) and Scott County (06I025) to increase the total reimbursement for 2007 ADA paratransit service per the following table:

	<u>Authorized 2007 Funding</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Amended 2007 Funding</u>
DARTS	\$2,022,700	\$220,000	\$2,242,700
Scott County	\$325,300	\$115,000	\$456,000

## Issue(s)

- At the time that staff presented the Transit Providers Assistance Agreements for 2007, trip rates had not been finalized with either DARTS or Scott County Transit as both were awaiting the conclusion of program audits. The actual rates for both DARTS and Scott County are slightly higher than originally estimated.
- Scott County Transit has realized substantial increases in demand for ADA paratransit.
- The ability of the Council to meet its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991 (ADA) will be adversely impacted without additional funding for these providers.

## Overview and Funding

The Transportation Committee at its September 29, 2006 meeting approved the 2007 funding amounts recommended by staff. Due to a combination of slightly higher rates and unanticipated ridership growth, the contract amounts authorized for DARTS and Scott County will fall short of the amount needed to provide ADA service in their respective service areas.

The request for additional authorization totals \$335,000. The current projections indicate that Metro Mobility will be under budget by about \$500,000 for CY 2007. Therefore, a budget amendment is not

necessary at this time. Staff will monitor the budget closely, and if necessary return to the Council for a budget amendment utilizing reserves.