

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 10,
2007

Item: **SW** 2007-332

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: October 9, 2007

Subject: Authorization to Execute Contracts for Property for Apple Valley Transit Station Expansion

Summary of Committee Discussion:

Council member McDaniel discussed the overcrowding at the existing Apple Valley Park and Ride and the need for this expansion. The council members asked questions, such as the size of the parcel and how soon it could be used. Staff did not know the exact acreage of the parcel, but stated that it was a former Menard's store and the size is typical for a big box retail plus parking lot. The existing parking lot portion of the parcel will be available for parking as soon as possible; Ms. McCarthy mentioned that it may be possible for MVTA and the seller to reach an agreement that allows use of the lot prior to purchase.

Recommendation:

That the Regional Administrator be authorized to execute a contract with Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) in the amount of \$4,570,000 to pass through state bond funds to purchase property for expansion of the Apple Valley Transit Station.

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Meeting date: October 8, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting – October 10, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 1, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Contracts for Property for Apple Valley Transit Station Expansion
District(s), Member(s)	District 16, Brian McDaniel
Policy/Legal Reference:	2007-2012 CIP, Action Item 2006-204
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Regional Administrator be authorized to execute a contract with Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) in the amount of \$4,570,000 to pass through state bond funds to purchase property for expansion of the Apple Valley Transit Station.

Issue(s)

- The current property owner has agreed to a “friendly” condemnation process and wants to have the acquisition completed no later than December 31, 2007. Dakota County is requesting that the Metropolitan Council take a “same week” action to allow the DCRRA begin the condemnation process as soon as possible.

Overview and Funding

- The Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority has requested that \$4.57 million dollars of state bond funds be made available from the Metropolitan Council to purchase property for the Apple Valley Transit Station expansion as part of the Cedar Avenue Transitway project. This project is identified in the approved Capital Improvement Program amendment from July 12, 2006.

The purchase process has been agreed to by both parties as a condemnation action by the DCRRA. The DCRRA is the buyer since the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority does not have condemnation authority. Once the transaction is completed, the DCRRA will transfer ownership to MVTA. To initiate the quick claim process, the DCRRA needs to deposit funding for the purchase with the court. The amount to be deposited is the appraised value of \$4.57 million. Any adjustments, including relocation expenses, will be determined through the legal process. The grant agreement will be amended later to adjust the amount for the final price including relocation costs.