

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: July 15, 2008

Subject: Authorization to Apply for 2009 JARC Funding, Resolution 2008-14

Proposed Action:

That the Council approve Resolution 2008-14 authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for 2009 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

After a brief presentation by staff, the item was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Hearing no objections, Mary Hill Smith stated that this item could move forward to the full Council as a consent item.

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Executive Summary

Item: 2008-183

Meeting date: July 14, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 3, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Apply for 2009 JARC Funding, Resolution 2008-14
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Federal Transit Administration Section 5316
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754) Gerri Sutton, Asst. Dir. Contracted Transit Services (651-602-1672) John Harper, Supervisor Contracted Transit Services (651-602-1744) Randy Rosvold, Senior Project Administrator (651-602-1710)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Council approve Resolution 2008-14 authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for 2009 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).

Background

Van Go! costs were fully supported by Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding during the program's first three years; however, this source is no longer available.

In recent years, a growing portion of program participants either reside in or are destined for jobs located in counties surrounding the 7-county metro area (adjacent counties). In 2007, the Council assessed adjacent county participants for the portion of their trip which occurred outside the metro area. Also, in that year, the Council applied for and received funding under Mn/DOT's JARC program to offset the cost of the 2008 Van-GO! program for those adjacent county participants.

Rationale

JARC funds granted by Mn/DOT provide Federal funding, with a 50% local match, to non-downtown vans serving residents of the adjacent counties.

Approximately 26% of Van Go! trips are by participants that either work or reside in the adjacent counties and approximately 27% of the total Van Go! mileage is generated within the adjacent county area.

Mn/DOT's process requires applicants to submit a governing body resolution.

Funding

The Council is again seeking funds through MnDOT's JARC solicitation process to offset Van Go! program costs for adjacent county participants in 2009. Funding for the service lease cost is approximately divided between participants (45%), MnDOT JARC (27.5%), and the Council (27.5%). Fuel and basic maintenance costs are borne by the participants.

Known Support/Opposition

The JARC application is supported by adjacent county program participants and has no known opposition.

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RESOLUTION 2008-14

**Resolution Authorizing the Metropolitan Council to
Apply for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Funding
from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)**

Resolved, that the Metropolitan Council enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to receive a Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute - JARC) grant to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals.)

Further resolved, that the Metropolitan Council agrees to provide a local share of 20% of net capital costs for JARC Capital, Planning and Marketing projects, and 50% of net operating costs for JARC operating projects.

Further resolved, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2008.

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtiss, Recording Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by the Metropolitan Council at a duly authorized meeting held on the 23rd day of July, 2008 as shown by the minutes of the meeting in my possession.

Pat Curtiss, Council Recording Secretary