

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 26, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: August 19, 2009

Subject: Request Change to Transit Fare Policy and Procedure

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the Transit Fare Policy (3-2-6) and Transportation Service Fare Policy Changes Procedure (3-2-6a) in accordance with the attached revised policy and procedure changes.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions: Ed Petrie presented the item. There were no questions from Council Members. Recommendation was approved unanimously.

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Meeting date: August 10, 2009

For Metropolitan Council: August 26, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: July 29, 2009

Subject: Request Change to Transit Fare Policy and Procedure

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Transit Fare Policy Changes 3-2-6,
Implementing Procedure 3-2-6a

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Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the Transit Fare Policy (3-2-6) and Transportation Service Fare Policy Changes Procedure (3-2-6a) in accordance with the attached revised policy and procedure changes.

Background

The Council's Policy on Transit Fare Policy Changes (3-2-6) and Procedure on Transportation Service Fare Policy Changes (3-2-6a) requires proposed permanent fare increases or decreases will be subject to the public hearing process. Public hearing requirements specifically relating to public transit as defined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in Circular 9030.1C (rev. 10/01/98), Chapter V, Section 5.0 and 6, state a grantee is expected to have a written policy that describes the public comment process on increases in the basic fare structure and on major service reductions. The current Council Policy has additional requirements for decreases in the permanent fare which is beyond FTA requirements.

Recommendation

Adjust the Council's Policy on Transit Fare Policy Changes (3-2-6) and Procedure on Transportation Service Fare Policy Changes (3-2-6a) by removing the additional requirements of the public comment process on decreases in the permanent fare structure. This change will be in full compliance of the Public Hearing Requirements specifically relating to public transit as defined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in Circular 9030.1C (rev. 10/01/98), Chapter V, Section 5.0 and 6.

Rationale

The proposed change to the Council's Policy on Transit Fare Policy Changes (3-2-6) and Procedure on Transportation Service Fare Policy Changes (3-2-6a) will adjust Council Policy

and Procedure to be consistent with the Public hearing requirements specifically relating to public transit as defined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in Circular 9030.1C (rev. 10/01/98), Chapter V, Section 5.0 and 6.

Funding

No impact on Funding.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.