

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 24,
2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date February 23, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: Authorization to Execute an Agreement with MVTA

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for \$1,228,500 for the purchase of two vehicles for operations along Cedar Avenue.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Sean Pfeiffer, Metropolitan Transportation Services Financial Analyst, presented this item to the committee.

There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Aguilar and passed unanimously.

Hearing no objection, Chair Meeks stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent Item.

Business Item

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: February 22, 2010
Council Meeting: March 10, 2010

Item: 2010-76

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 17, 2010
Subject: Authorization to Execute an Agreement with MVTA
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: 2010 Unified Capital Program and Budget
Staff Prepared/Presented: **Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754)**
Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director Finance and Planning (651-602-1058)
Sean Pfeiffer, Financial Analyst (651-602-1887)
Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for \$1,228,500 for the purchase of two vehicles for operations along Cedar Avenue.

Background

This authorization will allow MVTA to purchase two forty foot buses for operations out of the Cedar Grove facility on Cedar Avenue BRT. This agreement will authorize MVTA to use the local portion of a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant that they were awarded for running operations along Cedar Avenue. The CMAQ award is intended to buy buses, fare collection equipment and signage for use along the Cedar Avenue BRT.

This item is only authorizing the local share of the award because the federal funds have not been awarded at this time. The application process is currently underway and a federal preapproval has been filed allowing for the advanced purchase of these vehicles.

Rationale

This action will allow MVTA to purchase buses for operations along Cedar Avenue BRT serving the Cedar Grove station beginning in September 2010.

Funding

This project will be funded using regional transit capital funds that already exist in the current Authorized Capital Program. This funding and project were authorized on September 10, 2008, with Business Item 2008-211. The federal portion of this award will be amended into this agreement when the federal funds are awarded. The total amount of this grant including this local match is \$6,142,500.

Known Support / Opposition

MVTA supports this business item and requested action.