

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 14, 2009

Council Meeting: September 23, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 2, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Agreement with MVTA for the Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT Express Service
District(s), Member(s):	16 – Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-4-3 - Procurement Policy
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to provide Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT express service in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

Background

A new Cedar Avenue BRT park-and-ride in Lakeville is being constructed as part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA). The Council's agreement with the City of Lakeville for paying the regional transit capital (RTC) levy calls for the new service to be initiated no later than September 30, 2009, the original UPA deadline. If the new park-and-ride facility is not available for use on the service start date, a nearby temporary location will be used.

The agreement calls for the Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT express service to initially be five trips each weekday morning and afternoon provided by MVTA. Each trip will serve both the Lakeville park-and-ride as well as the new Apple Valley Transit Station, also being funded by the UPA. The Council will provide MVTA with two additional coach buses, funded by the UPA and RTC local match, to provide the Lakeville service.

The new express service will have one new morning and afternoon trip serving Apple Valley Transit Station starting September 14, and five trip extensions to Lakeville starting Monday, September 28, 2009. The Council's contract with MVTA for this service will have a 27.5-month term (September 14, 2009 through December 31, 2011) plus a one-year option.

Rationale

This new service is required per Council agreements with the City of Lakeville and the USDOT.

Funding

The Council's adopted 2009 and proposed 2010 Operating Budgets program funding for the Cedar Avenue Lakeville BRT Express Service. The Council and the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) will each fund 50% of the operating subsidy. CTIB has awarded a grant to the Council for 2009. The Council is submitting a grant request to

CTIB for 2010 funding with award expected in October 2009. MVTA will be reimbursed for its actual costs in providing the service.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Lakeville and MVTA support this action.