

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 28, 2011

Metropolitan Council meeting: December 14,  
2011

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| Date:                     | November 14, 2011                                                                                                                                |
| Subject:                  | Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with the City of Ramsey                                                                                 |
| District(s), Member(s):   | All                                                                                                                                              |
| Policy/Legal Reference:   | 2011 Operating Budget and Business Item 2010-303                                                                                                 |
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| Division/Department:      | Transportation - Metropolitan Transportation Services                                                                                            |

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with the city of Ramsey for up to \$416,300 to reimburse previously provided Ramsey Star Express Service.

### Background

Through the 2005 Regional Solicitation Process, the City of Ramsey submitted and received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) award for three years of operating assistance to supply express bus service between the Ramsey Town Center and Minneapolis in 2009 through 2011.

MnDOT originally applied for the FFY 2009 CMAQ award in grant MN-95-X012. MnDOT then requested that the Council assume administration of this federal grant due to the Council's experience in administering transit operations funding. The funds have since been de-obligated and the Council will now apply for and supply the federal funds to the city of Ramsey through a sub-recipient agreement.

### Rationale

This grant authorization will allow the Council to apply for the CMAQ funds and reimburse the City of Ramsey for the Ramsey Star Service.

### Funding

The funding for this grant includes \$416,300 (80%) of CMAQ funds and a required local match of \$104,075 (20%) funded by the City. These pass through operating funds are already in the Council's 2011 operating budget and were approved by the Council with Business Item 2011-036.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.