

S.F. No. 2804 – Transit Service Appropriations

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Section 1 appropriates money for demand response transit services for several suburban transit providers.

Paragraph (a) appropriates \$22,240,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the Metropolitan Council for financial assistance to replacement service providers (also known as “opt-outs”) for service expansion, vehicle purchases, and capital investments for demand response transit service, also known as “microtransit.” The Council may not retain any funds from the appropriation and sets a base of \$7,200,000 for microtransit service assistance.

Paragraph (b) directs the Metropolitan Council to make grants in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

- \$2,000,000 to the Suburban Transit Association for mobile application development;
- \$13,240,00 to the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for vehicle, capital, and operating costs;
- \$6,800,000 to SouthWest Transit for capital and operating costs;
- \$200,000 to Maple Grove Transit for vehicle costs.

Paragraph (c) directs the Metropolitan Council to make grants in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

- \$4,200,000 to Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for operating costs; and
- \$3,000,000 to SouthWest Transit for operating costs.

Section 2 appropriates \$22,240,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,200,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the Metropolitan Council for transit system operations. \$7,200,000 is added to the base.