

# Business Item

Management Committee



Committee meeting date: April 9, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: April 23, 2025

## Business Item: 2025-99

MNIT Services Authorization for Circuit Management, Contract 25P247

<b>District(s), member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	FM 14-2, Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Stat. §471.345
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<b>Division/department:</b>	Regional Administration/Information Services

### Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P247 with Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) for Information Services' circuit management, installation of new circuits, and reoccurring monthly costs of services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

### Background

The IS-Department has begun a partnership with the MNIT division to procure and manage circuits. To procure these services, the Council will utilize MNIT Services through State of Minnesota Contract Release T-674(5) for Telecom Statewide Access and Backbone Network. The Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes §471.345 to utilize such cooperative service agreements.

The IS Department is requesting authorization to contract through MNIT Services for circuit management for an eight-year period. This blanket request would provide IS-Network and Communications units the ability to efficiently procure and renew circuits. Each of the Council's circuits will be recognized under individual service authorizations with MNIT. Information Services requests that the Chief Information Officer be authorized to execute service authorizations for circuit management and installation of new circuits under contract 25P247.

### Rationale

The execution of a contract exceeding \$500,000 requires approved by the Council.

### Thrive lens analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcome of Stewardship and Sustainability by ensuring reliability, resilience, security and cost-effectiveness of the Council's computers, servers and cloud services.

## **Funding**

Funding for this enterprise agreement is included in the Information Services operating budget.

## **Small business inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a MCUB goal as this contract will be procured utilizing State of Minnesota Contract Release T-674(5).

