

# Business Item

Management Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: May 28, 2025

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Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement 25I057 with the State of North Dakota

<b>District(s), member(s)</b>	All
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	FM 14-1 Procurement Policy; Minn. Stat. § 471.59
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### Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement 25I057 with the State of North Dakota to allow for the purchase of five Drivege Ford Transit Vans for South West Transit Prime Service.

### Background

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is a State of North Dakota governmental agency that was established as a cooperative purchasing entity. OMB State Procurement establishes contracts for goods and services commonly used by government entities.

Minnesota Statutes section 471.59 authorizes two or more governmental units to enter into agreements through which they jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties. Section 471.59 authorizes Minnesota governmental units to enter into joint powers agreements with "another state."

### Rationale

The execution of a joint powers agreement requires Council approval.

### Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. This contract supports the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by utilizing contracts that have been solicited on behalf of the Council as an eligible entity to a cooperative purchasing venture. This initiative satisfies the statutory requirement and maintains compliance with funding requirements to competitively solicit projects, leveraging staff time and resources to efficiently procure goods and services

### Funding

This is a zero-cost cooperative. Funding for goods and services will be approved separately.

### **Small business inclusion**

This is a Joint Powers Agreement with a government entity. Therefore, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a small business inclusion goal.

