

## **Transportation Committee**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 23, 2015

**Subject:** Rejection of all proposals for contract 15P014 MTS Electronic Equipment Maintenance

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to reject all proposals for contract 15P014 titled MTS Electronic Equipment Maintenance.

### **Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**

John Harper, Manager of Contracted Transit Services, presented the item. Harper explained that MTS intends to enter into a sole-source agreement with the current vendor for up to one year to allow time to improve the scope of work and rerelease the Request for Proposals.

Member Dorfman asked several clarifying questions including whether the current vendor submitted a proposal, the action was approved by the Office of General Council (OGC), and if the sole-source authorization is for an indefinite period of time. Harper explained that the current vendor is one of the two proposers on this procurement and that the sole-source authorization is for up to one year. Additionally, Arlene McCarthy, Director of MTS, explained that current contract was competitively procured, that the new RFP will be a clean slate, and that OGC and Procurement have approved the action.

Motion Commers, second Dorfman. To Council as Consent item.

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 14, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 23, 2015

**Subject:** Rejection of all proposals for contract 15P014 MTS Electronic Equipment Maintenance  
**District(s), Member(s):**

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3.3 Expenditures

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**Division/Department:** Contracts and Procurement/Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to reject all proposals for contract 15P014 titled MTS Electronic Equipment Maintenance.

### Background

Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) operates more than 600 revenue vehicles equipped with technology systems including security cameras, Go-To card readers, vehicle routers, 800 Mhz radios and Mobile Data Computers. This technology is used in the delivery of regular-route, Metro Mobility and Transit Link service. MTS sought a vendor to provide ongoing maintenance, installation and removal of the equipment located at eleven private contractor garages throughout the Twin Cities area.

### Rationale

Procurement and MTS released a request for proposals (RFP) for electronic equipment maintenance for MTS buses. The five-year contract had an estimated value of \$1.7M. Two proposals were received on July 6, 2015 and were evaluated by a three member panel. In reviewing the proposals, the panel determined that there was insufficient detail in the RFP scope of work for proposers to adequately understand the proposed work and for the panel to adequately evaluate proposals.

The current contractor will continue to provide the service under a sole source agreement for up to one year to allow improvements to the RFP scope of work, reissuance of the RFP and selection of a vendor through a new competitive process.

### Funding

There is no funding or budgetary impact.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.