

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 25, 2017

Subject: Metro Mobility Agency Contract

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Mobility Senior Manager Christine Kuennen presented this item. Chair Rodriguez asked what portion of the agency rides contributed to the total rides, with Kuennen responding that the estimated ridership is around 350,000.

Motion by Letofsky, seconded by Barber and passed.

Hearing no objection, Chair Rodriguez stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures-Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services / Metro Mobility

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Background

Metro Mobility Agency service operates Monday through Friday and serves certified riders that attend large adult day care and day training and habilitation centers. Because riders and schedules are very static this service is significantly more efficient than demand service and helps to alleviate peak-time pressure on demand routes and provides service at a lower cost per trip. This form of Metro Mobility service has been in place for over 20 years.

First Transit Inc. was awarded the Agency contract in 2012 after a competitive procurement process. The hourly rate has increased at an average of 2% per year over the term of the contract.

Rationale

Staff is recommending this amendment for the following reasons:

1. An increase from \$14 to \$16 per hour is needed in the contractually required operator's starting compensation. First Transit Inc. may choose to give new employees more than \$16/hour and reduce the amount of the increase at the top of the scale pursuant to negotiations with their union.
2. An extension of three months on the current contract is needed to allow adequate time for new Metro Mobility staff to analyze needs and efficiencies, and to prepare an RFP that appropriately defines the scope of the contract and incorporates changes that are appropriate over the next contract term.

Thrive Lens Analysis

As an amendment of an existing contract, this action is neutral on Thrive Outcomes.

Funding

Funding is available in the 2017 budget. The annual rate increase for the sixth and final year will be comparable with the annual increases for the first five years.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.