

Committee Report

Business Item No. 2021-121

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 23, 2021

Subject: Ubisense sole source for upgrading garage hardware, 21P148

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize, award and execute sole source contract 21P148 with Ubisense America LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$1,259,428 for Garage Hardware Replacement.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Rick Paulson, Project Manager for Metro Transit, presented Business item 2021-121.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Fredson. Motion carried. CONSENT to Council.

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Meeting date: June 14, 2021

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurements of Goods and Services over \$500,000

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

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Background

The Ubisense system is used throughout Metro Transit by garage personnel to find and assign available buses for work and is similar to an internal GPS system. This hardware will also interface with the Hastus scheduling software to highlight buses that are assigned. The system has been expanded for gate access at secured transit centers. Metro Transit has been utilizing the Ubisense system since 2010. The current hardware is eleven years old, outdated, not compatible with the new Smart Space application and is end of life (EOL).

Rationale

The Council is dependent upon a stable secure transit services system in order to conduct our daily business. This hardware upgrade will allow ongoing operational stability while allowing the system to grow that supports mass transit across the region. Sole source is required due to software and hardware being proprietary and cannot be purchased elsewhere.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The transit support services agreement is needed to continue the critical transportation services this software provides across the region. This supports the Thrive outcomes of stewardship and sustainability.

Funding

Local capital funding for this item in Metro Transit Project 68104 Transit Yard Management System Upgrade

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition is known at this time.