

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 24, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: October 26, 2022

Business Item: 2022-265 SW

Renewal of Interagency Agreement between Metro Transit and MnDot for a Five-year Contract for Salt Procurement

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement (#211039) with Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) for the purpose of supplying Metro Transit with bulk salt for system use for an amount not to exceed \$611,000.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Facilities Maintenance Manager Mike Maddio presented this item. Cummings asked if the price of salt has changed from the last contract. Maddio responded that yes, due to fuel of transportation and increase in raw materials the price is about 30% more than the last contract.

Cummings asked if we have looked at alternatives to salt. Maddio answered that we have worked with other peer agencies on the effort but haven’t been able to find another material that is as effective; so instead we are focusing on proper training of staff and correct application of salt by the machines. Sterner asked if we use sand or rock. Maddio stated that we don’t use sand due to the impacts on the bus system (we do use sand on some rail applications) but we don’t mix salt and sand. Maddio continued that if there are areas with over application, we try to collect that material before it gets washed away into the water system.

Motion by Zeran, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried.



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| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Wes Kooistra, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Marilyn Porter, Director of Engineering and Facilities, 612-349-7689 Mike Maddio, Manager of Facilities, 612-349-7637 |
| Division/Department: | Metro Transit/Engineering and Facilities |

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Background

Metro Transit has previously entered into an intergovernmental agreement with MnDOT for the procurement of bulk salt used during the winter months. This agreement allows Metro Transit to utilize MnDOT to provide this much needed resource during the winter months for the next five years. Metro Transit is seeking to replace the recently expired intergovernmental agreement with MnDOT to continue having the ability to purchase this resource directly from another government entity. Purchasing these materials directly from MnDOT allows Metro Transit direct access to a large stockpile of these materials helping to ensure availability over the next five years for use in the transit system. Having MnDOT stockpile these materials throughout the metro area allows Metro Transit to have access throughout the region at many MnDOT storage facilities and does not require Metro Transit to build and maintain a salt stocking facility such as a storage building or bulk handing equipment that is utilized to handle these materials.

Rationale

Council Policy requires agreements with other governmental entities for the expenditure of amounts exceeding \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes prosperity and sustainability by ensuring the regions existing transit

resources and maintaining a system of good repair, therefore providing efficient and reliable transportation to the region.

Funding

The funding of these materials is identified in the maintenance budget within the Engineering and Facilities operating budget as part of an on-going item critical to maintaining safe transit operations for customers as well as employees. A five-year contract with MnDOT is projected to be \$611,000. Funding will be included in future Council authorized operating budgets.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business as a result of this request.

