

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** August 22, 2022,

**For the Metropolitan Council:** Sept. 14, 2022

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### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Consent Item, no Committee discussion or questions

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Motion by Chamblis, seconded by Fredson. Motion carried.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	Dist. 3 – Vacant; Dist. 5 – Molly Cummings
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute 471.345
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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### Background

SouthWest Transit submitted a proposal and was awarded a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant through the 2016 Regional Solicitation for the 2020 program year. The grant includes capital funding for 10 buses. The new service will operate between Eden Prairie and the Mall of America along the I-494 corridor. Included in the CMAQ grant are operating funds for the service.

### Rationale

The State of Minnesota released Contract B-347 (5) which is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement for purchasing small buses. The Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes Section §471.345 to utilize such cooperative service agreements. The execution of a goods contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This initiative improves the regions livability by helping residents connect to destinations along the region's most congested corridor, I-494 without driving. It also enhances prosperity by connecting residents with employment, social, entertainment, shopping, and educational opportunities within this high-density area.

### Funding

Federal funding for these vehicles has been awarded through a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant matched by regional capital funds in the Council's Authorized Capital Program, project #36185. Southwest Transit is responsible for the operating costs of this service including the local match to the federal CMAQ grant funds for operations.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEEO's research and analysis, no DBE goal was set.

