

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: April 10, 2024

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit's Transit Information Senior Manager Ben Rajkowski presented this item. There were no questions or comments from council members.

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyronne. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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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:	Bonnie Kollodge, Director of Marketing & Transit Information; Ben Rajkowski, Senior Manager, Transit Information, 612-349-7397
Division/Department:	Metro Transit, Transit Information

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Background

The alerts manager and real-time concentrator is software that generates and consolidates alerts and real-time vehicle location. Staff in the Transit Control Center and Transit Information use the vendor's systems to create alerts and provide trip data in a format that makes the information available to customers about real-time transit service and changes or disruptions, such as rail delays, bus detours, bus stop closures, etc. The alerts are distributed systemwide.

Metro Transit established a three-year contract with Arcadis for these systems in 2020. These systems are critical components of a complex customer information systems environment and are essential for maintaining the ability to provide robust real-time transit information to customers. Metro Transit is currently working to facilitate a large-scale bundled procurement for several customer information data systems in the next year (including these alerts manager and real-time concentrator systems), but the RFP and subsequent contract(s) will not be in place until after the expiration of the contract for these systems.

The original amount authorized for this contract was \$800,000, and effective April 30, 2020, to July 31, 2023. Contract amendment one extended the term to July 31, 2024. This contract amendment request is for an additional \$423,402 and extension of the term for two years to July 31, 2026. The project team determined that the proposed amendment price is fair and reasonable, and a sole source request to continue this contract for two years has been approved.

Rationale

The amendment of a professional/technical services contract exceeding 10% of the original

authorized value requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Sustainability. Continuing to provide accurate and accessible real-time information for transit riders is essential to the transit customer experience.

Funding

Funding for this contract amendment is included in the Transit Information operating budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The services associated with this action are being procured through a sole source. The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) does not review sole source procurements for MCUB sub-contracting opportunities.

