

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: April 22, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: May 8, 2024

Business Item: 2024-85

Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Brooklyn Park (Brooklyn Park Police Department) Contract #241014

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 241014 with the City of Brooklyn Park.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Police Department Captain Joseph Dotseth presented this item. Council Member Vento asked about County relationships. Dotseth said all JPAs are being refreshed and Counties will be contacted.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Vento. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s): District 2, Council Member Reva Chamblis

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes §§ 471.59, 473.407; FM 14-1 Procurement Policy

Staff Prepared/Presented: Ernest Morales III, Chief of Police, Metro Transit, 612-349-7200
Joseph R Dotseth, Captain, Support Services, Metro Transit Police
Richard Raymond, Captain, Patrol Operations, Metro Transit Police
Joe Reichstadt, Manager Administration, Metro Transit Police

Division/Department: Metro Transit Police Department

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 241014 with the City of Brooklyn Park.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (“MTPD”) has entered into past mutual aid agreements with the City of Brooklyn Park under the Hennepin County Mutual Aid Agreement (“Council Contract #15M004”) authorized under Business Item No. 2015-161. Council Contract #15M004 is a general cooperation agreement between the various police departments and does not clearly clarify roles as it relates to MTPD responding to calls for service in the City of Brooklyn Park. This JPA will clarify the roles and responsibilities of MTPD and the Brooklyn Park Police Department with respect to crimes that occur on Council property.

Rationale

Minnesota Statutes § 471.59 and Council Procurement Policy 14-1 requires that all joint powers agreements be authorized by the Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Execution of this JPA will support the Council’s Thrive Outcomes of Prosperity, Livability, and Equity.

Investment in high-quality transportation options makes the region more economically competitive through increased access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

Ensuring the region’s existing transit resources are maintained and protected allows the Council to provide efficient, reliable, and safe service to our customers. Safeguarded transit facilities support functions for operations that increase mobility and access to opportunities for all residents, across

race, economic means, and ability.

Funding

There are no known costs associated with this agreement.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with this action.

