

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 24, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: July 10, 2024

Business Item: 2024-152

Joint Powers Agreement with the City of New Hope (New Hope Police Department) Contract #241027

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 241027 with the City of New Hope.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Police Department Captain Joseph Dotseth presented this item. Cameron asked for details on emergency calls and the impetus for the recent contract.

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Morales. Motion carried, Consent to Council.



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Joint Powers Agreement with the City of New Hope (New Hope Police Department) Contract #24I027

District(s), Member(s): District 8, Council Member Anjuli Cameron

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”) # 24I027 with the City of New Hope.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (“MTPD”) has entered into past mutual aid agreements with the City of New Hope under the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police 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 New Hope. This JPA will clarify the roles and responsibilities of MTPD and the New Hope Police Department with respect to crimes that occur on Council property and within the City.

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.

