

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



**Committee meeting date:** September 22, 2025

**For the Metropolitan Council:** October 8, 2025

## Business Item: 2025-226

Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County (Ramsey County Sheriff's Office) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Contract #251089

### Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 251089 with Ramsey County.

### Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Metro Transit Police Department Administration Manager Joe Reichstadt and Captain Erin Dietz presented this item. There were no questions or comments.

Motion by Osman, seconded by Carter, Toni. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 10, Council Member Peter Lindstrom, District 13, Council Member Chai Lee, District 14, Council Member W. Toni Carter
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-1 Procurement Policy; Minn. Stat. §471.59; Minn. Stat. §473.407
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Joseph R Dotseth, Interim Chief, Metro Transit Police, 612-349-7269 Erin Dietz, Captain, Support Services, Metro Transit Police, 612-349-7200 Joe Reichstadt, Manager Admin., Metro Transit Police, 612-655-1337
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit Police Department

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 25I089 with Ramsey County.

### Background

The Metro Transit Police Department ("MTPD") has entered into past mutual aid agreements with Ramsey County under Council Contract #18I034. Ramsey County has had a JPA for Joint Emergency Response Teams since 2016. The JPA was amended in 2018 when the Council joined the Ramsey County Joint Emergency Response Team under Council Contract #18I034. Ramsey County is amending the JPA and MTPD desires to be part of the JPA as we currently have members of the MTPD participating in the Joint Emergency Teams as SWAT members or Negotiators. Through this JPA the annual participation fee for those members can be paid.

### Rationale

Council Procurement Policy FM 14-1 requires that all joint powers agreements be authorized by the Council.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Execution of this JPA supports the Council's Thrive outcomes of equity, leadership, accountability and stewardship. 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.

### **Funding**

Funding for the annual participation fee will be provided through the MTPD Operating Budget.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

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

