

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee meeting date: October 13, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: October 22, 2025

Business Item: 2025-255

Solid Waste and Recycling, Contract 24P267

Proposed action

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Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Metro Transit Sustainability Manager Jeff Freeman presented this item. Council members discussed why there was no MCUB goal and how to help small businesses in this field. Metropolitan Council Contracts and Procurement Assistant Director Rob Carey stated this work is led by the OEE0 department and that staff would be happy to provide an overview of the MCUB program. Freeman confirmed that this is a three-year contract.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Toni. 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:	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Mgr., Capital Programs, 612-349-7507 Jim Harwood, Asst. Director Engineering and Construction 612-349-7339 Jeff Freeman, Manager Sustainability, 612-349-7527
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Engineering & Construction

Proposed action

The Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P267 with Waste Management Inc. to provide solid waste and recycling services in the amount of \$1,100,000.

Background

This contract will provide solid waste collection services for various Metro Transit facilities located throughout the Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Sherburne counties that extends beyond the historic task of collecting waste to be landfilled, recycled, or composted with a partnership that is committed to assisting in reducing costs, and improving diversion rates.

A Request for Proposals was issued on July 3, 2025. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were fourteen registered plan holders, nine prime proposers, one subcontractor, four plan rooms, and six of plan holders identified as minority, woman, veteran, small or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received three proposals on July 24, 2025, to be evaluated for the consideration of award and used proposer quality, proposer qualifications, experience, service delivery plan, key personnel, and price as the criteria for evaluation. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Waste Management Inc. is the most advantageous to the Council and recommend for award. The performance period for this contract will be 36 months.

Rationale

The execution of a professional service contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action supports Sustainability and Stewardship by ensuring the waste byproducts of our support and public operations are disposed of properly protect lands and water supplies. By separating out recyclable and organic materials we minimize the impact on

the region's solid waste disposal facilities.

Funding

Funds are budgeted for this work in Metro Transit's Council Authorized Operating Budget.

Small business inclusion

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

