

# T Transportation Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2012-70

**Meeting Date: February 27, 2012**

**Metropolitan Council Meeting: March 14, 2012**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	February 16, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Metro Mobility Agency Contract Recommendation
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All Council Members
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services / Metro Mobility

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract for the operation of Metro Mobility Agency transit service for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017 with First Transit Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$27,855,940.

### **Background**

The current five-year contract with First Transit will expire on June 30, 2012. As a result, the Metropolitan Council issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the agency service on December 27, 2011. Proposals were due January 26, 2012. Four proposers responded to the RFP, with three proposals deemed responsive.

### **Rationale**

The evaluation panel independently evaluated the proposals followed by the Evaluation Panel meeting and ranked the three responsive technical proposals based on the following criteria:

1. Proposer experience in the provision of public transportation,
2. Proposer size and scope of past experience,
3. Proposer driver training and selection program,
4. Proposer management, administrative, financial and technical capabilities,
5. Proposer vehicle maintenance practices,
6. Proposer reporting capabilities,
7. Proposer compliance with RFP requirements,
8. Price, with price being approximately equal in importance to a combination of all other criteria.

Once the technical evaluations were complete the panel opened and evaluated the cost proposals. All proposers demonstrated, from a technical standpoint, to have the ability and expertise to operate this contract successfully. First Transit's technical proposal was rated "very good" and was ranked highest by the evaluation panel. First Transit also provided the lowest price over the five-year term of the contract. The maximum price difference between First Transit and the next lowest cost proposal is \$4,008,193 over the five-year term. Therefore, the combination of the highest ranked technical proposal and lowest price offered by First Transit was deemed the most advantageous to the Council.

**Funding**

Funding for this service is budgeted in the 2012 operating budget.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this item.