

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: **August 12, 2013**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: **August 28, 2013**

Subject: Procurement of Metro Mobility Two-Way Radios – 800MHz

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: State of Minnesota Procurement contract release number R-651(5); and Council Procedure 1-2c Sustainability in Fleet Procedure

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions (State of Minnesota Contract 40071) for replacement of up to 255 two-way radios utilized in Metro Mobility demand service in an amount not to exceed \$497,633.

Background

All of the radios to be purchased represent replacement radios for the existing fleet and ensuring an adequate spare ratio. The majority of the existing radios were purchased in 2002 and are at the end of their useful life. In addition, Motorola discontinued manufacturing parts for these radios in 2012. As a result, it has become increasingly challenging to repair the existing radios.

Rationale

The replacement of the radios will ensure that Metro Mobility will be able to continue to access clear two-way communication as required by the State of Minnesota under the Special Transportation rules. The proposed purchase of the Motorola XTL 1500 radios provides the Council with a durable radio that is a cost effective long term voice communication solution for Metro Mobility.

Funding

This radio acquisition utilizes State of Minnesota Contract 40071 which is compliant with all State and Federal regulations. This contract expires on December 31, 2013.

Regional Transit Capital funding for this project is provided for in the Council approved Capital Plan and is identified as project number 35890. No federal funds will be used for this purchase.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.