

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 10, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: November 12, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Amend Metro Mobility Operating Contracts

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000.

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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) – Metro Mobility

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend:

- 1. Contract 09P223 with Transit Team Inc. for an additional \$1,106,403 for a new total contract amount of \$85,781,387; and
- 2. Contract 09P224 with First Transit for an additional \$1,106,403 for a new total contract amount of \$66,684,655.

Background

On September 10, 2014, Council staff notified DARTS that Contract 13P025 would be terminated on November 9, 2014. Council staff immediately met with First Transit and Transit Team management and asked for their assistance in providing service in Dakota County until a provider was selected through the current competitive procurement process. First Transit and Transit Team verbally agreed to provide service in Dakota County until a provider is able to start service on June 28, 2014.

Transit Team, Inc. will provide service in the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan (South of Diffley Road) from November 9, 2014 through June 27, 2015.

First Transit will provide service in the cities of Lilydale, West Saint Paul, South Saint Paul, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Sunfish Lake, Inver Grove Heights and the portion of Eagan north of Diffley Road, from November 9, 2014 through June 27, 2015.

In 2015, the Metro Mobility Service will be restructured from the current five contractor model to a three contractor model (3C). The 3C model better supports the outcomes and principals of Thrive MSP 2040 by increasing efficiency, reducing cost, creating regional balance and improving customer service. On June 25, 2014 the Council approved Business Item 2014-130 “Authorization to Amend Metro Mobility Operating Contracts” amending Contracts 09P223 and 09P224 so that all three contracts are not starting at the same time.



Rationale

Transit Team and First Transit currently provide the majority (90%) of the Metro Mobility service in the Metropolitan Area. In the interest of providing a seamless transition for the customer and maximizing operational efficiency, the Dakota County service area was evenly split between the two providers. Beginning on June 28, 2015, the contractor selected through the current procurement process will begin service in the new “South Zone” service area.

Funding

Funding is available in the 2014 and 2015 Metro Mobility annual operating budgets. Hours and funds allocated to DARTS in contract 13P025 will be reallocated to contracts 09P223 and 09P224.

Known Support / Opposition

DARTS has opposed the termination of their current contract.