

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 17, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 24, 2014

Subject: Execute a Purchase Order for Motorola Voice Communications Console Hardware and a Sole Source Contract for Installation

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order for fourteen (14) Motorola MCC7500 voice communications consoles and supporting equipment and a Sole Source authorization contract for the labor to install this proprietary equipment in the amount of \$880,095.

Background

Metro Transit uses the state 800MHz Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system for voice communication for the bus and light rail systems. To utilize this system – a series of consoles are used as the interface between Metro Transit’s control centers and all of its vehicles. Metro Transit currently has twenty three (23) consoles which include six (6) at the Rail Control Center (RCC), six (6) at the Emergency Backup Center (EBC) and eleven (11) at the Transit Control Center (TCC).

In as early as 2016, the state ARMER system may be upgrading to a software version that is only compatible with a new voice communication console, the MCC7500. To maintain compatibility, Metro Transit has developed a plan to replace all existing system consoles and any expansion consoles with the MCC7500 console; this procurement replaces eleven (11) existing consoles and adds three (3) new consoles at the (TCC). The remaining consoles at the RCC and EBC have already been updated and are not included in this procurement, as they were replaced in 2014.

Rationale

This investment reflects the Council’s commitment to maintain and preserve regional transit infrastructure investments.

Funding

Funding for these consoles has been budgeted for in the Metropolitan Council 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Program in projects 68312.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.