

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 27, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: May 13, 2015

Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract 131057 for Transit Link Service

District(s), Member(s): 4-Barber, 16-Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3A Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services

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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 131057 with Scott County for an additional \$450,000, for a new contract total of \$1,869,149 and to extend the termination date to October 4, 2015.

Background

Transit Link is the Council's general public dial-a-ride program that provides service in portions of the seven county metro area where regular route transit is not available. MTS provides Transit Link service by procuring multi-year operating agreements directly with private vendors or allowing counties to manage the service in their jurisdiction. In 2010, Anoka County and Scott County opted to manage the service in their respective areas. All Transit Link contractors are required to maintain full compliance with Council-established program policies and applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Rationale

Scott County operates Transit Link service in Scott and Carver counties under the name Smart Link Transit. Scott County currently operates Smart Link service directly, but is in the process of hiring a private contractor to operate the service. Scott County requested this contract amendment to give the county adequate time to hire a private contractor. The proposed amendment allows the Council to continue funding the service until the new service contract begins on October 4, 2015.

Staff will seek Council approval of a new funding agreement for Transit Link service in Scott County and Carver County effective October 5, 2015. The new contract will reflect the rates obtained through Scott County's competitive procurement process.

Funding

Funding for this service is included in the 2015 operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.