

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 24, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 9, 2015

**Subject:** Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Association

**District(s), Member(s):** District 1 – Rodriguez, District 2 – Schreiber, District 3 – Munt, District 5 – Elkins, District 6 – Dorfman, District 7 – Cunningham, District 8 - Letofsky

**Policy/Legal Reference:** N/A

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** John M Harrington, Chief of Police, (612) 349-7201

**Division/Department:** Metro Transit Police

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the mutual aid agreement between the Metropolitan Council / Metro Transit Police Department and the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Association.

### Background

This Joint and Cooperative agreement for use of law enforcement personnel and equipment (“Agreement”) is to provide a means by which a party to this agreement may request and obtain law enforcement assistance from other agencies when any agency deems such law enforcement assistance necessary.

Participating agencies can utilize the resources for many reasons including routine circumstances such as training efforts and back-up patrol service. Additional reasons may include emergency response such as a critical incident or unplanned active shooter event. This agreement provides flexibility for all agencies to use the resources located among all participating parties in Hennepin County.

### Rationale

Metro Transit Police has been a long standing party to this agreement. This is an update to the original HCCPA Mutual Aid agreement and a renewal that recognizes that most Hennepin County law enforcement agencies have a different Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) than when the original agreement was executed.

### Funding

Participating in the HCCPA Mutual Aid agreement will specifically allow us to select the agencies and resources that best meet our needs in any given situation. Participating agencies each pay for their own resources during a mutual aid event. However, if the event last longer than eight (8) hours a sending agency may submit reimbursement to the requesting agency to include salaries, overtime, materials and supplies.

### Known Support / Opposition

Hennepin County Sheriff’s Department will serve as the administrative coordinator and all municipal law enforcement agencies in Hennepin County support this agreement.

There is no known opposition.