

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 11, 2015

Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract 09P177 for Transit Link Service

District(s), Member(s): 11-Rummel, 12-Melander, 13-Kramer, 14-Commers

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 09P177 with Midwest Paratransit Services, Inc. for an additional \$460,000, for a new total contract total of \$7,173,430, and to extend the termination date to May 31, 2015.

Background

Transit Link is general public dial-a-ride service that provides coverage in portions of the seven county metro area where regular route transit service is not available. MTS provides Transit Link services through a number of competitively procured, multi-year operating agreements. All Transit Link contractors are required to maintain full compliance with Council established program policies and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Rationale

A new contract for Transit Link service in Washington and SE Ramsey counties was awarded to MV Transportation, Inc. on January 14, 2015 through Business Item 2014-325.

Due to an unexpected delay in the procurement process and contract award, the original start date for the new contract of March 2, 2015 was untenable. MTS staff negotiated with the current vendor (Midwest Paratransit Services) and incoming vendor (MV Transportation) to delay the service transition for three months in order to allow MV Transportation more time to recruit and train staff. This delayed start-up allows for a seamless transition between contractors and uninterrupted service for customers. Same week action is requested to mitigate the short amount of time available to implement the amendment.

Funding

This amendment will not have a material budgetary impact. Funding for this service is included in the 2015 operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.