

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 22, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 8, 2015

**Subject:** Authorization to Amend First Transit Metro Mobility Demand Contract

**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 Metro Mobility service contract 09P224 with First Transit Inc. to increase the maximum contract amount by \$1,397,174 for an amended amount not to exceed \$66,975,436.

### Background

Contract 09P224 was competitively procured in early 2010. In 2013 service in Washington County, previously provided by Canvas Health, was transferred to First Transit and incorporated into this contract. In November 2014, service in northern Dakota County, previously provided by DARTS, was transferred to First Transit and added to this contract. In December 2014, the Council approved an amendment increasing the maximum contract amount to reflect the additional service area and extending the term through August 29, 2015. Through the first four months of 2015 First Transit had zero ADA capacity denials, on-time performance of 96.71% and a productivity of 1.80 passengers per revenue hour. These primary performance measures exceed the contractual obligations established by the Council.

### Rationale

In November 2014 ridership estimates for the remaining ten months of the contract were forecast by Metro Mobility staff. Ridership numbers for the East Metro contract have exceeded the forecast. To accommodate the additional demand, additional service hours must be provided. Additional budget authority of \$1,397,174 is required to deliver enough service to meet demand through the term of the contract.

### Funding

Funding is available in the 2015 Metro Mobility Operating Budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

None