

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 8, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2015

Subject: Authorization to award contract for East, West, Crosstown regular route transit service

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: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide regular route local and express transit service within the East, West, Crosstown contract from September 27, 2015 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$19,335,285.

Background

Metropolitan Transportation Services provides certain regular route transit service under contract with private companies. These services are procured using a series of multi-year contracts, which allows the potential for multiple vendors to propose on and operate transit service for the Council. This specific contract package includes rush hour express service on weekdays and all day local service on weekdays and weekends in a variety of communities throughout the metro area.

Rationale

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised and posted on the Council's website and all known transit operators were directly invited to participate. Two proposals were received and evaluated by an Evaluation Panel consisting of staff from Metropolitan Transportation Services and Metro Transit. The panel evaluated technical proposals on the following criteria: overall transit experience; extent of experience with similar services; driver training and selection; management, administrative, financial, and technical capabilities; vehicle maintenance practices; reporting capabilities; and compliance with RFP requirements. The panel then evaluated cost proposals. The Evaluation Panel concluded that the proposal submitted by First Transit, Inc. is the most advantageous to the Council.

The requested not to exceed amount of \$19,335,285 allows for a 20% increase in service hours over the current (base) service levels described in the scope of work. The value of the base service level is \$16.5 million. The base hours with a plus/minus service level pricing structure allows the Council to adjust service hours, both up and down, during the five-year contract term using pre-established competitively procured rates.

Funding

Funding for this service is budgeted in the annual operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.