

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 23, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2015

Subject: Authorization to enter into an agreement with Taxi Services Incorporated (Airport Taxi, Town Taxi, Minneapolis Yellow Cab) to provide Metro Mobility Premium Same Day (PSD) 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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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Taxi Services Inc. to provide Metro Mobility Premium Same Day (PSD) service from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,779,293

Background

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) does not require ADA complementary programs to fulfill same-day ride requests. However, the Council tries to accommodate same-day rides through a subsidized taxi program called Premium Same Day (PSD). The service provides riders with a transportation option when unanticipated needs arise.

Under the PSD program Metro Mobility and the customer share the metered cost of a taxi ride. The customer pays the first \$5.00, Metro Mobility pays the next \$15.00 and the customer is responsible for all charges in excess of \$20.00. Because the Council caps its PSD contribution at \$15 per passenger trip the average subsidy per trip on PSD is \$9.25 compared to \$24 on the Metro Mobility system.

A request for proposal was issued on August 12, 2015. Proposals were due on September 9, 2015. Taxi Services Inc. was the only vendor to submit a proposal. Procurement performed a review on September 14, 2015 to ensure that there was adequate competition, that other taxi vendors were notified and that there was sufficient opportunity to respond. The evaluation panel met and reviewed the proposal submitted by Taxi Service Inc. and recommended approval and award.

Rationale

Demand for the program continues to grow. In 2014 an average of 2,317 rides were provided on PSD monthly. In 2015 that number has grown to an average of 2,930 per month. PSD is a cost-effective way to deliver these trips.

Funding

The funding for this item is included in both the 2015 and proposed 2016 Metro Mobility budgets.

Known Support / Opposition

None