

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 23, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2015

Subject: Amend Bus Rapid Transit Ticket Vending Machine Contract No. 14P205

District(s), Member(s): All Council Members

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 authorizes the Regional Administrator to amend contract # 14P205, for ticket vending machines for Bus Rapid Transit Stations from \$1,200,000 to \$1,333,000 to purchase ten additional ticket vending Machines.

Background

Metro Transit purchased 82 Bus Rapid Transit Ticket Vending Machines (BRTVMs) for use on the arterial bus rapid transit - A Line. After further analysis of the capabilities of the BRTVMs, Metro Transit staff concluded the BRTVMs may be mounted on casters and used to supplement ticket sales at high volume locations. Purchasing BRTVMs for use as portable ticket machines provides limitless flexibility, especially at high volume locations during special events such as Twins and Vikings games, State Fair and concerts. In addition, the portable machines will be immediately available to replace or supplement existing machines in the event of unexpected demand or existing equipment failure.

The portable machines will be completely solar powered with cell communication enabling Metro Transit staff to place them virtually anywhere even if fixed power and data connectivity are not available. The machines will be completely compatible with our existing BRTVM software package and will use existing spare parts.

Rationale

By amending Contract #14P205, Metro Transit will increase capacity for collecting ticket fares when needed. The Council will take advantage of the competitive unit price awarded in the original contract.

Funding

Funding is available for this contract in Capital Project 67301.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.