

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 13, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 22, 2016

Subject: Metro Mobility Agency Contract Amendment

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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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services / Metro Mobility

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 11P199 with First Transit Inc. to extend the term by one year from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and increase the maximum contract amount by \$3,900,000 to an amount not to exceed \$31,755,940.

Background

Metro Mobility Agency service operates Monday through Friday and serves certified riders that attend large adult day care and day training and habilitation centers. Because riders and schedules are very static this service is significantly more efficient than demand service and helps to alleviate peak-time pressure on demand routes and provides service at a lower cost per trip. This form of Metro Mobility service has been in place for over 20 years.

First Transit Inc. was awarded the Agency contract in 2012 after a competitive procurement process. The hourly rate has increased at an average of 2% per year over the term of the contract.

Rationale

Staff is recommending a one-year contract extension for the following reasons:

1. Metro Mobility staff are working to clearly define and identify organizations that are most appropriately served under Agency service based on current and projected volume of riders as well as geographical considerations.
2. Metro Mobility, with the assistance of a consultant, will be conducting a Metro Mobility ridership growth study in late 2016. Staff expect this growth projection study will better inform the potential ridership growth over the next five years and better define the next Agency service Request for Proposals (RFP).
3. The state's recently approved Olmstead Plan establishes goals that pave the way for Minnesotans with disabilities to experience lives of inclusion and integration in the community. The contract extension will allow staff to consider how the plan will influence center-based services and the resulting impact to transportation needs.

Funding

Funding is available in the 2016 budget. The annual rate increase for the sixth and final year will be comparable with the annual increases for the first five years.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.