

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 9, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 25, 2016

Subject: Approval of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Metropolitan Council and Local Government Information Systems (LOGIS)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes section 471.59, Subdivision 1 of section 471.59

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Division/Department: Transit Police

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit Police and Local Government Information System (LOGIS).

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) has been utilizing a Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) and Police Mobile and Police Records Management System (RMS) provided by the Law Enforcement Technology Group (LETG). LETG was acquired in November 2015 by another vendor. All of the previously employed LETG staff have been released from employment and the vendor that acquired LETG, now entitled LETG-ZEUCHER Technologies, have stated that they will not be investing any additional resources toward the legacy software and changes/modifications to that system will be minimal and designed solely to patch software deficiencies.

As a result the MTPD requires an alternative vendor to provide the services. Local Government Information System (LOGIS) is a provider of hardware, software services for government agencies including police. LOGIS products include all the essential components that are required by MTPD including CAD/Mobile/ RMS system. LOGIS provides a local operating system with 24/7 support.

Rationale

In order to adequately support the MTPD the LOGIS CAD/Mobile/RMS system provides the platform and applications that are required for safe and efficient operation of the police department. The agreement will allow MTPD to improve upon the transparency and effectiveness of interoperability with other metro area law enforcement agencies. The LOGIS platform that the MTPD will be using is identical to that used by Minneapolis Police Department, St Paul Police Department, Ramsey County Law Enforcement, and Bloomington Police Department, Dakota County Law Enforcement, Anoka County Law Enforcement and many others.

Funding

Funding is available in the yearly Operations budget.

Known Support / Opposition

Entities supporting this transition include: Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center; Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center;

Bloomington Police Communications Center; Anoka County Emergency Communications Center; and, numerous other local law enforcement agencies.

There is no known opposition.