

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 9, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 25, 2016

Subject: Approval / Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement between Minnesota Department of Public Safety and the Metro Transit Police Department

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: Metro Transit Police Department

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 Department and Minnesota Department of Public Safety/Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) requires the ability to exchange criminal justice information between Federal/State/Local law enforcement agencies in performance of its duties. Methods of access to criminal Justice information include direct, indirect, and computer-to-computer interfaces with Federal/State/County/local Law Enforcement agencies. The MTPD has been operating under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) which will expire June/2016. A renewed JPA will allow MTPD access to Criminal Justice information as well as provide for Minnesota Courts information access, Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services access, all of which are required for delivery of public safety services.

Rationale

In order to transmit, and/or receive data from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety via the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a renewed agreement is required as outlined in MSS 299C.46. This agreement provides for Federal systems information sharing pursuant 28 CFR 20.30-38, and Department of Public Safety Minnesota Statute 299C.58. As a result, the BCA will provide MTPD with access to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database. The renewed JPA will allow MTPD to operate until 2021.

Funding

There are no funding requirements associated with this action.

Known Support / Opposition

Entities supporting this transition include: Minnesota Department of Public safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Driver and Vehicle Services, amongst others.

There is no known opposition.