

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 14, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: August 23, 2017

**Subject:** Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Minneapolis between the Metro Transit Police Department and the Minneapolis Police Department

**District(s), Member(s):** District 5 – Steve Elkins – Bloomington, MSP Airport  
District 6 – Gail Dorfman – Minneapolis  
District 7 – Gary Cunningham – Minneapolis  
District 8 – Cara Letofsky – Minneapolis  
District 13 – Richard Kramer – St. Paul  
District 14 – Jon Commers – St Paul

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes 471.59 and 473.407

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / Metro Transit Police Department

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Minneapolis to clarify the roles and responsibilities for police service between the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) and the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) during Super Bowl LII and the events during the 12-day operational period surrounding the Super Bowl.

### Background

On February 4, 2018, the Twin Cities will host the NFL Super Bowl at U.S. Bank Stadium in downtown Minneapolis. The Department of Homeland Security has identified this and surrounding events as a SEAR 1 Event (Special Event Assessment Rating), the highest security rating assigned to events of this type. The Minneapolis Police Department has been designated the lead law enforcement agency and is charged with coordinating public safety for the main event, surrounding events / venues, transportation, and key hotels. Metro Transit Police Department is a primary public safety partner and has taken the lead on Transit Security for both special game-day service and for regular route transit service for the 12-day operational period. Most of the primary event / transportation venues are in the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Bloomington and at the Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport.

### Rationale

This JPA acknowledges and provides dual authority for the MTPD to exercise general law enforcement activities within the City of Minneapolis and the other cities where official Super Bowl related events are hosted. Minnesota Statutes section 473.407, subd. 1 authorizes the MTPD to “exercise general law enforcement agency authority to assist any law enforcement agency in implementing or carrying out law enforcement activities, programs, or initiatives” upon request from, or under an agreement with, any law enforcement agency and subject to the availability of MTPD’s personnel and other resources.

## Thrive Lens Analysis

Execution of this JPA will support the Council's Thrive Outcomes of Stewardship, Prosperity, and Livability.

- Maintaining the ability to apply for reimbursement from funds raised privately by the MN Host Committee demonstrates the Council's commitment to **Stewardship** of public financial resources.
- Successfully hosting an event of this magnitude certainly improves the region's competitive economic advantage over other regions. Demonstrating to more than 1 million visitors that the region has a vibrant, convenient, and reliable public transportation system further enhances that competitive advantage and directly supports the Council's commitment to **Prosperity**.
- Having extra Transit Police officers present will certainly improve the **Livability** of the transit system. This is not only important as we put our best foot forward for guests to the region but will also be critical to our regular ridership who will be looking for support as we expect to approach or exceed record ridership as we serve the most urban and Transit-centric event in Super Bowl history.

## Funding

The MN Super Bowl Host Committee has entered into an agreement with the City of Minneapolis to provide up to \$5 million in reimbursement for expenses directly related to hosting the Super Bowl and related events. Of that total, approximately \$3.1 million has been earmarked for security and police services. Execution of this JPA will allow the Council to apply for reimbursement for extra police services provided by the MTPD to support the Super Bowl and related sanctioned events.

## Known Support / Opposition

The JPA has been reviewed by the Council's Procurement Department, Risk Management, and the Office of the General Counsel. The MTPD already has an executed JPA with the City of St. Paul and memorandums of understanding with Minneapolis Police, Bloomington Police, and Airport Police which all cover daily general police services. There is no known opposition to this action.