

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 26, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 12, 2017

Subject: Renewal of Transit Cooperation Agreement with City of Minnetonka

District(s), Member(s): District 3 – Jennifer Munt

Policy/Legal Reference: 2000 Minn. Laws, Ch. 493, Sec. 21; Minn. Statute 473.388

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Service Development

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to renew the Transit Cooperation Agreement with the City of Minnetonka

Background

In 2000, the Minnesota Legislature granted Minnetonka the authority to participate in the transit replacement service program. In June 2002, the City formally exercised this option and then approved a Transit Cooperation Agreement with the Metropolitan Council to plan and operate transit service in the City rather than operate an independent transit system. In 2010, the City conducted a Transit Study which recommended an update to the Transit Cooperation Agreement.

A new agreement with some small changes was approved effective August 2013 with an expiration date of July 31, 2016 which was extended last year to July 31, 2017.

At their June 12, 2017 meeting the City Council approved their staff's recommendation to extend the current agreement to July 31, 2020.

Under the agreement, the Council provides transit service commensurate with similar cities in accordance with the Councils Transportation Policy Plan service design and performance standards.

City and Council staff will continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss any issues with operations or capital facility maintenance; confer on promotional materials; and confer on any service changes proposed by either party.

Full agreement attached.

Rationale

The renewal of the Transit Cooperation Agreement allows Minnetonka to achieve their goals for transit while remaining part of an integrated regional transit network.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Renewal of the agreement supports Thrive principles of integration, collaboration and accountability by working effectively with stakeholders, advancing shared outcomes and providing accountability.

Funding

The Metropolitan Council will continue to retain all transit operations and capital funding that would flow to the City if they were a separate transit provider. No increase or decrease in funding or operating costs is anticipated as a result of this agreement renewal.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the renewal of the agreement.

Transit Service in Minnetonka Effective August 2017

