

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 10, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 9, 2019

**Subject:** Transit Link – Dakota County Contract Amendment

**District(s), Member(s):** 13-Richard Kramer, 15-Steven Chavez, 16-Wendy Wulff

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$500,000

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 14P010 with Midwest Paratransit Services, for Transit Link service in Dakota County, for an additional \$650,000. The new contract total will be \$4,909,396.

### Background

Transit Link is general public dial-a-ride service that provides coverage in portions of the seven-county metro area where regular route transit service is not available. MTS provides Transit Link services through a number of competitively procured, multi-year operating agreements. MTS contracts with Midwest Paratransit Services to provide Transit Link services in Dakota County under an agreement that runs from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2020.

### Rationale

The maximum contract value for this, and all, Transit Link contract is based on the number of revenue hours anticipated in the service area, with some capacity for growth. Service under this agreement has been increased since the original RFP was released in early 2015 in response to a level of capacity denials significantly higher than three to five percent accepted across the system as a whole. The service increase absorbed the modest growth capacity built into the contract. Amending this agreement allows us to meet an equitable level of Transit Link service requests throughout the region.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Transit Link supports Livability by increasing mobility opportunities for residents living within the suburban and non-urban areas who do not have access to regular route service. This action helps balance investments across the region, which furthers Prosperity.

### Funding

Funding for this service is included in MTS' annual operating budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.