

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date July 22, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 14, 2019

**Subject:** Metro Mobility Demand East Zone- Exercise Optional Year 6

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3 Expenditure- 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 exercise the previously authorized Optional Year 6 in the Metro Mobility Demand East Zone Contract 14P109 with First Transit and increase the maximum contract amount by an amount not to exceed \$24,395,837.

### Background

In February 2015, the Metropolitan Council approved the action to authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 14P109 with First Transit for the Metro East Zone for a five-year term (August 30, 2015 to August 30, 2020) with an option for one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$85,945,267.

The Council later approved an additional spending authorization in July 2016, increasing the maximum amount to \$88,393,267 as part of an approved increase to the minimum driver wage rate that had been originally set. Sufficient funds remain in the existing authorization to provide services through year 5 of the contract.

### Rationale

The Metro Mobility service area has three geographic zones (Metro West, Metro East and Metro South) that are served by three trip providers under separate contracts. Each of these contracts were initiated in 2015 with a five-year term and an option to extend by one year. Annually, over 2.3 million rides are delivered under these contracts.

In order to best manage the procurement and service transition for our service contracts, Metro Mobility plans to stagger the termination of the each of the current contracts and issue Requests for Proposals for our next service contracts to begin on a staggered implementation schedule:

Metro South: End existing contract at close of 5-year term on June 30, 2020.

Metro West: Extend existing contract to June 30, 2021, exercising option year 6.

Metro East: Extend existing contract to Aug 31, 2021, exercising option year 6.

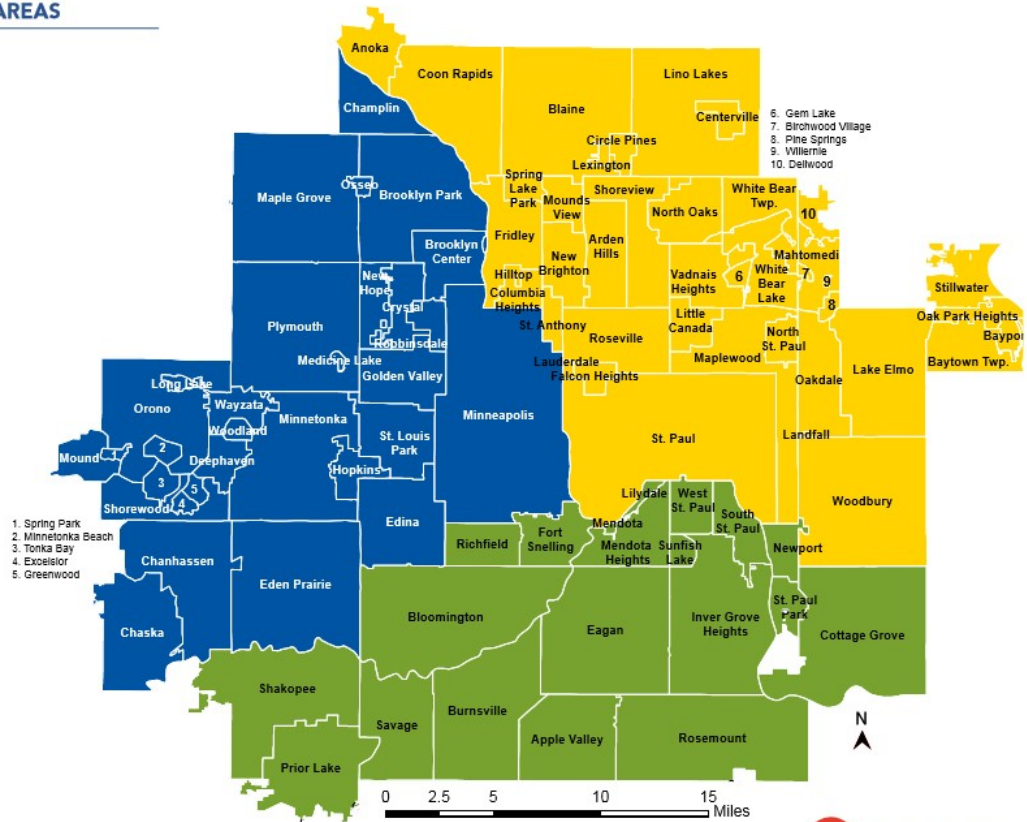
## TWIN CITIES METRO MOBILITY TRIP PROVIDERS

### TRIP PROVIDER SERVICE AREAS

**Metro West Zone:  
Transit Team**

**Metro East Zone:  
First Transit East**

**Metro South Zone:  
First Transit South**



### Thrive Lens Analysis

Exercising option year 6 of the existing service contract with First Transit will provide the region with stability in the service provision of safe and reliable transit infrastructure for persons with disabilities (equity) and will enhance the quality of life in the region by allowing individuals who use the Metro Mobility service to remain living at home and maintain a higher level of independence (livability).

### Funding

Funding for this service is included in the 2020 operating budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.