

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 13, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: January 22, 2020

**Subject:** Metro Mobility Taxi Service – Contract Spending Authorization

**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 amend contract 15P130 with Taxi Services, Inc. for an additional \$704,000. The new contract total will be \$3,483,293.

### Background

In December 2015, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 15P130 with Taxi Services, Inc. (TSI) for a five-year term (Dec. 31, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2020). TSI has been delivering rides to Metro Mobility clients under this contract at a subsidized rate of up to \$15 per trip. The cost of the contract has outpaced original projections due to year over year ridership increases. Sufficient funds remain in the existing authorization to provide services only through February 2020, based on current ridership trends.

### Rationale

While Metro Mobility is pursuing options to provide additional Premium Same Day or On Demand service alternatives, the taxi option provided by TSI is currently the only supplemental same day service option for Metro Mobility clients. Additional funds are needed to provide services at the current rate through the existing contract term (Dec 2020).

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Maintaining services under this contract will provide persons with disabilities a safe and reliable same day transportation option and enhance quality of life in the region 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.