

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 13, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 22, 2020

Subject: Amend Interagency Agreement with Anoka County

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Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend interagency agreement 15I078A with Anoka County to provide Transit Link service in Anoka and northwest Ramsey counties to add \$900,000, for a total contract value of \$5,710,928, and extend the contract term to April 30, 2021.

Background

Transit Link is the Council's general public dial-a-ride program that provides service in portions of the seven-county metro area where regular route transit service is not available. The program is delivered in five service areas and the Council provides service in each service area either by procuring multi-year operating agreements directly with contractors or by allowing counties to administer the service in their respective areas through an intergovernmental agreement. Anoka County administers the service in Anoka and northwest Ramsey counties and uses a subcontractor, First Transit, to operate the service.

Rationale

In 2015, Met Council and Anoka County jointly procured multi-year contracts for operation of Transit Link service in Hennepin and Anoka/northwest Ramsey counties through August 2020. A joint procurement was used to increase competition and reduce hourly rates. The Council and the county entered into operating agreements in their respective areas and the Council and county entered into an intergovernmental agreement to fund the Anoka County service.

The contractor for Hennepin County terminated early, so the Council entered into an interim contract that expires April 30, 2021. This amendment will allow the county to extend their agreement with First Transit to coincide with the Council's Hennepin contract, allowing for a joint procurement for the next five-year contracts.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports a number of Thrive Outcomes. First, the Transit Link program 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 supports Stewardship and Sustainability because it safeguards Council assets and preserves our capacity to support our region's wellbeing. Financial Stewardship is also supported because jointly procuring these contracts is financially advantageous in the long-term.

Funding

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

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.