

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 23, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2020

Subject: Sole Source Procurement, Trapeze Transit Master Systems for MTS

District(s), Member(s): All

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

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a sole source contract with Trapeze, Inc. to provide the Council with the replacement of up to 150 Transit Master Systems for MTS fixed route fleet, in an amount not to exceed \$896,757.

Background

MTS began using the Transit Master system in 2009 joining the larger Metro Transit system who has used this technology since the mid 2000's. System capabilities include: driver schedule adherence assistance, continual vehicle location data for dispatchers, emergency response notifications, gives real time information to customers through NexTrip, and provides historical passenger count data. This is a critical piece of the fixed route infrastructure. The proposed upgrade provides a simpler platform for driver use and additional features for dispatchers and drivers.

Rationale

MTS uses a useful life benchmark of 5-years for on-board technology items as recommended by the manufacturer. This allows for greater system reliability and technology upgrades. All of the current systems used on MTS fixed route buses are at least 5-years old with some systems approaching 12-years.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The purchase of the Transit Master Systems supports the Thrive Equity Outcome by providing ongoing reliable, and safe transportation to all MTS fixed route riders regardless of race, ethnicity, economic means or ability.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital funding will support this project. The Council approved this project as part of the 2020 Capital Plan.

Known Support / Opposition

None