Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 9, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 18, 2020

Subject: TransitMaster Sole Source Equipment and Software Maintenance and Support Services 20P218

District(s), Member(s): All

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

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Division/Department: RA Information Services/Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award, negotiation and execution of sole source contract with Trapeze Software Group Inc. not to exceed $10,341,807 for ongoing support and maintenance services for the TransitMaster transportation system.

Background

Metro Transit has been utilizing the TransitMaster system since 2002 and the current system maintenance support contract, extended by Council on May 13, 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19, is set to expire on December 31, 2020. The contract extension has allowed sufficient time for staff to prepare for an ongoing 5-year agreement which brings us to you today. This application ensures control, safety, and accurate, efficient FTA-compliant reporting with real-time interaction between our fleet and our Transit Control Center (TCC).

Rationale

The Council is dependent upon a stable secure transit services system in order to conduct our daily business. This agreement will allow ongoing operational stability while continuing to maintain systems that support mass transit across the region.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The transit support services agreement is needed to continue the critical transportation services this software provides across the region. This supports the Thrive outcomes of stewardship and sustainability.

Funding

Funding for this item is in the Information Services operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition is known at this time.