

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 25, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2021

Subject: Metro Mobility Demand West (20P192) and East Zone (20P199) Contracts

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – 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 negotiate and execute a contract with Transit Team, Inc. to provide the Metro Mobility Demand West Zone service from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 with an option to extend one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$203,188,899.

And, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide the Metro Mobility Demand East Zone service from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 with an option to extend one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$163,578,272.

Background

Metro Mobility is a shared ride, demand response public transportation service for certified riders who are unable to use regular fixed-route buses due to a disability or health condition.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) every public entity operating a regular-route system must provide complementary paratransit service to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use regular-route. This federally mandated service must be provided within three-quarters of a mile of any all-day, local bus or rail route in the Twin Cities with comparable service levels.

In addition, Minn. Stat. 473.386 requires the Metropolitan Council to provide greater access and door-through-door transportation for the elderly, people with disabilities, and others with special transportation needs within the Transit Taxing District.

The Metro Mobility Demand service area has three geographic zones (Metro West, Metro East and Metro South) that are served by providers under separate contracts. The current Metro West and Metro East zone contracts each terminate this year, in June and August respectively. These contracts will provide a continuity of services for the entirety of the Metro West and East Zones.

based firm included in the Council's MCUB Program as a Council certified DBE, who will provide utility services such as fueling, bus washing, and janitorial services for the East Zone under this contract.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Metro Mobility supports the outcomes and principals of Thrive MSP 2040 by promoting prosperity and livability in our region through the delivery of safe, reliable and equitable public transportation service.

Funding

Funding for this service is included in the operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.