

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 11, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 27, 2021

Subject:	Ubisense Sole Source for Minneapolis Bus Garage, Contract 21P292
District(s), Member(s):	District 7, Robert Lilligren
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit – Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 21P292 with Ubisense America LLC, for the for Minneapolis Bus Garage system in the amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Background

The Ubisense system is used throughout Metro Transit by garage personnel to find and assign available buses for work and is similar to an internal GPS system. This hardware will also interface with the Hastus scheduling software to highlight buses that are assigned. The system has been expanded for gate access at secured transit centers. Metro Transit has been utilizing the Ubisense system since 2010. This will be for procurement in the new Minneapolis Bus Garage system.

Rationale

The Council is dependent upon a stable secure transit services system in order to conduct daily business. This software and hardware will allow ongoing operational stability. A sole source is required due to existing software and hardware being proprietary. The execution of a goods and professional/technical services contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action furthers the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship and Prosperity and Equity and Livability by leveraging transit investments with higher expectations of land use through needed facility development to support expanded bus service. The new Minneapolis Bus Garage will provide additional bus storage, operations, support functions, and maintenance space for planned growth in ridership demand and upcoming service infrastructure investment through expansion. By allowing the expansion of the bus fleet, it will increase mobility and access to opportunities for all residents, across race, economic means and ability.

Funding

The capital funding for this item is part of Metro Transit Project 62312 Minneapolis Bus Garage. Funds for the work are available in the Project budget. This work is included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition is known at this time.