

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: November 14, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: November 30, 2022

## Business Item: 2022-305

Metropass Agreement between Metropolitan Council and State of Minnesota Department of Administration, Contract Number 22R007-8030

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Income/Grants Policy FM 15-1
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

- Enter into and execute a new 5-year Metropass agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Administration (Dept. of Admin) beginning December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2027 to provide Metropasses to eligible employees. Potential revenues for the term of this agreement are estimated at \$1.3M.

### Background

The Metropolitan Council (via. Metro Transit) partners with the State of Minnesota Department of Administration to provide Metropasses to its eligible employees. The Metropass program provides unlimited ride passes to riders as a pre-tax benefit. The pass is valid for unlimited rides on all regional bus, light rail, and Northstar Commuter Rail (some stops require additional value for higher fare price).

In the 2022 program year, the Dept. of Admin averaged 280 monthly pass holders and provided 12,000 rides so far in 2022.

The new agreement between the Dept. of Admin and the Metropolitan Council, is expected to see the continued average number of monthly riders, therefore we anticipate the revenues for the new agreement to be approximately \$1.3M.

### Rationale

Council Policy FM 15-1 requires Council approval on income agreements exceeding \$500,000.

The Metropass agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Administration is anticipated to provide an estimated \$1.3M over the 5-year term.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

The Metropass agreement with employers like the Dept of Administration and others throughout the region provides transit options for their employees and contributes to the Thrive outcomes of Equity and Prosperity. This program providing unlimited transit rides as an option, helps reduce single occupancy vehicles and may be a transit benefit for those employees who might not otherwise be able to commute to and from work.

### **Funding**

These are revenue contracts; no funding is required. Revenue contract revenue will be included in the annual Metro Transit Operating Budget.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

These are revenue pass agreements for Bus, Light Rail and Commuter Rail Operations.

