

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Metro Mobility Agency Contract Option Year 6

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2, Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute its option to extend the Metro Mobility Agency Contract 17P244 with Transit Team, inc. for an additional year, beginning October 1st, 2023, through September 30th, 2024, in the amount of \$7,375,469.40 for a total contract value of \$42,377,263.50.

Background

Metro Mobility Agency service provides rides to a defined set of Day Training and Habilitation (DT & H) centers and Adult Day programs on weekdays during typical business hours. The contract serves the largest of these agencies and operates as a subscription, or standing order, service. The service operates entirely within Metro Mobility's ADA service area.

In April 2018, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Transit Team to provide the Metro Mobility Agency Service for a 5-year term beginning October 1, 2018, through September 30th, 2023, with an option for one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$31,819,812.80.

Subsequent contract amendments were executed to adjust the rate structure and increase the Council's total spending authorization to allow for front line wage rate increases that were executed in Feb 2022 and November 2022. While the amendments increased the overall contract value by \$3,181,981.28, they did not provide sufficient funding needed to operate beyond the original 5-year term.

In April 2023, the Council negotiated an updated rate structure with Transit Team to execute option year 6, under mutual agreement, recognizing the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on service levels and inflationary pressures.

Rationale

The amendment of a services contract greater than \$500,000 and exceeding 10% of the original

authorized value requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Providing persons with disabilities with safe and reliable transportation will enhance quality of life in the region and maintain a higher level of independence (livability).

Funding

Funding to execute the 6th year option of the contract is part of the current and available 2023 budget and the approved 2024 Metro Mobility budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) thoroughly reviewed the original procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set. There is no direct impact to small businesses with this action.

