

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Transit Link-Scott/Carver County Intergovernmental Agreement

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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 (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend its intergovernmental agreement 191059 with Scott County to provide Transit Link service and related facility expenses in Scott and Carver counties through July 31, 2025, in an amount of \$3,200,000 for a new total contract value of \$11,645,442.

Background

Transit Link is the Council's general public dial-a-ride program that provides service in portions of the seven-county metro area where regular route transit service is not available. The Council provides Transit Link services by procuring multi-year operating agreements directly with private vendors and by allowing counties to administer the service in their respective areas.

Scott County is the designated mobility management agency for Scott and Carver counties. The county is responsible for providing a variety of mobility solutions including overseeing Transit Link service in those counties. The Council funds the service through an intergovernmental agreement with Scott County, and the county, in turn, procures service operations through a multi-year agreement with a private contractor. Scott County oversees day-to-day operations of the service and provides some capital.

Rationale

Council Policy requires that expenditures with other governmental entities exceeding \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

In 2019 Scott County hired Midwest Paratransit Services to provide service in Scott and Carver counties under a competitively procured agreement. That agreement was originally scheduled to end on January 31, 2024, but the county is extending the agreement to align with the Council's upcoming 2025 procurement cycle. The county intends to join the Council in a joint procurement.

The extension of this intergovernmental agreement with the county will allow for continued funding of the service through the county's new contract term.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This item supports Livability by increasing mobility opportunities for residents in areas of the region who have limited or no access to regular route service. This action helps balance investments across the region, which furthers Prosperity. Finally, Stewardship of financial resources is furthered by pursuing better prices and proposal quality from contractors.

Funding

Funding for this service is included in the MTS annual operating budget.

Small Business Inclusion

When the initial CIM for this intergovernmental agreement was routed, no DBE goal was assigned.

