

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Metro Mobility Radio Upgrade, Contract 23P203

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM-14-2 Expenditure for the procurement of Goods, Services and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute §471.345
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute contract 23P203 with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of two-way vehicle radios in an amount not to exceed \$567,262.08.

Background

Metro Mobility vehicles use a two-way radio, connected to Minnesota's ARMER radio network, to manage its day-to-day operations by directly communicating with dispatch. Information pertaining to rides, customers, incidents, accidents and safety and security events are all reliant on dependable communication. Radios are required and critical to the safe operations of Metro Mobility service and the Metropolitan Council has been a partner with the ARMER radio system since the 1990's.

Purchase of 800 MHz radios will assure that the system remains compatible with the ARMER radio network. The radios currently used are no longer supported by the manufacturer. Replacing these radios ensures that communications between Metro Mobility dispatch and Metro Mobility buses will be reliable.

The State of Minnesota released Contract R-651 (5) which is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement for purchasing these radios. The Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes Section §471.345 to utilize such cooperative agreements.

Rationale

The execution of goods contract for more than \$500,000 requires council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This contract will advance the Thrive Outcome of Livability, Prosperity, and Equity by maintaining communications from dispatch to vehicles that help provide persons with disabilities safe and

reliable transportation, the ability to maintain a higher level of independence, and enhancing the quality of life in the region.

Funding

Funding for this purchase is included in the authorized capital program under project 36263.

Small Business Inclusion

This contract is being procured with a state contract. Therefore, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not assign a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal.

