

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Transit Master Systems, Contract 24P237

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditure for Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 24P237 with Vontas to provide up to 43 Transit Master Systems that includes installation and configuration in an amount not to exceed \$836,400.

Background

MTS has been using the Transit Master system since 2009 joining the larger Metro Transit system that has been using this technology since the mid 2000's. System capabilities include: driver schedule adherence assistance, continual vehicle location data for dispatchers, emergency response notifications, provides real time information to customers through NexTrip, and stores historical passenger count data. This is a critical piece of the fixed route infrastructure that will support 2024 expansion of Metro micro and 2025/2026 Network Now fixed route expansion.

Rationale

The execution of a goods and service contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The purchase of the Transit Master Systems supports the Thrive Equity Outcome by providing ongoing reliable, and safe transportation to all MTS transit riders regardless of race, ethnicity, economic means or ability.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital funding will support this project. The Council approved this project as part of the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (Project 36320).

Small Business Inclusion

This contract is being procured through a sole source. Therefore, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not assign a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business.