

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: August 26, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: September 11, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-195

Metro Mobility On Demand Services, Contract 19P049A – Amendment 4

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 19P049A with Transportation Plus to add \$1,500,000 for a total contract value not to exceed amount of \$6,226,754.

### Background

In September 2023, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment Two to Contract 19P049A with Transportation Plus to extend the contract through year six while also expanding service hours to comply with [Mn Law Chapter 68, Sec. 121](#). In January 2024, an additional \$2,850,000, previously authorized by the Council, was added through Amendment Three.

Transportation Plus has been delivering on-demand rides to Metro Mobility clients under this contract since October 2020. Since the service expansion in 2023, the Council subsidizes up to \$20 per trip plus additional surcharges ranging from \$25 - \$55 for trips that occur during the expanded pilot program hours. The cost of the contract has outpaced original projections due to increased Council subsidy per trip, and increased ridership.

Contract 19P049A expires on December 31, 2024, and a competitive process is currently underway for new five-year term contracts to begin January 1, 2025. Adding value to the existing contract will help ensure program continuity as required by state law until the new contract begins.

### Rationale

Council Policy requires amendments exceeding 10% of the original authorized contract value be approved by the Council for a services contract if the cumulative value exceeds \$500,000.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

This contract will advance the Thrive outcome of Livability by providing persons with disabilities with safe and reliable transportation will enhance quality of life in the region and maintain a higher level of independence.

### **Funding**

Funding for this service is included in 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.

