

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: September 23, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: October 9, 2024

Business Item: 2024-237

Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Metro Transit Police Department (Contract #241038)

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat. §§ 471.59, 473.407; FM 14-1 Procurement Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit Police Department

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 241038 with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (“BCA”).

Background

The MTPD has previously partnered with local law enforcement agencies on issues affecting transit. Active cooperation with local law enforcement provides great value to MTPD, Metro Transit and the Council as a whole. This JPA with the BCA permits the MTPD to request resources directly from the Violent Crime Reduction Unit (“VCRU”) as well as collaborate with the BCA to address crime on the transit system, which will have an impact on crime and disorder on the Transit system. Additionally, cooperation with the BCA would meet the MTPD’s mission/vision/core values and action items from the Great Workplace Project and the Safety and Security Action Plan. This would offer career development opportunities, a necessary component of MTPD’s continued success.

Rationale

Minnesota Statutes § 471.59 and Council Procurement Policy 14-1 requires that all joint powers agreements be authorized by the Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Execution of this JPA will support the Council’s Thrive Outcomes of Prosperity, Livability, and Equity.

Investment in high-quality transportation options makes the region more economically competitive through increased access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

Ensuring the region’s existing transit resources are maintained and protected allows the Council to provide efficient, reliable, and safe service to our customers. Safeguarded transit facilities support functions for operations that increase mobility and access to opportunities for all residents, across

race, economic means, and ability.

Funding

There are no known costs associated with this agreement.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with this action.

