

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 28, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: November 13, 2024

Business Item: 2024-263

Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Minnetonka (Minnetonka Police Department) Contract #24I043

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| District(s), Member(s): | District 3, Council Member Dr. Tyrone Carter |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | MN Statutes §§ 471.59, 473.407; FM 14-1 Procurement Policy |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Joseph R Dotseth, Interim Chief of Police, Metro Transit Police Richard Raymond, Captain, Patrol Operations, Metro Transit Police Joe Reichstadt, Manager Administration, Metro Transit Police |
| Division/Department: | Metro Transit Police Department |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 24I043 with the City of Minnetonka.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (“MTPD”) has entered into past mutual aid agreements with the City of Minnetonka under the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Mutual Aid Agreement (“Council Contract #15M004”) authorized under Business Item No. 2015-161. Council Contract #15M004 is a general cooperation agreement between the various police departments and does not clearly clarify roles as it relates to MTPD responding to calls for service in the City of Minnetonka. This JPA will clarify the roles and responsibilities of MTPD and the Minnetonka Police Department with respect to crimes that occur on Council property and within the City.

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.

