

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: September 22, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: October 8, 2025

Business Item: 2025-226

Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County (Ramsey County Sheriff's Office) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD), Contract #25I089

District(s), Member(s):	District 3, Council Member Dr. Tyronne Carter
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-1 Procurement Policy; Minn. Stat. §471.59; Minn. Stat. §473.407
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit Police Department

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 25I089 with Ramsey County.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department ("MTPD") has entered into past mutual aid agreements with Ramsey County under Council Contract #18I034. Ramsey County has had a JPA for Joint Emergency Response Teams since 2016. The JPA was amended in 2018 when the Council joined the Ramsey County Joint Emergency Response Team under Council Contract #18I034. Ramsey County is amending the JPA and MTPD desires to be part of the JPA as we currently have members of the MTPD participating in the Joint Emergency Teams as SWAT members or Negotiators. Through this JPA the annual participation fee for those members can be paid.

Rationale

Council Procurement Policy FM 14-1 requires that all joint powers agreements be authorized by the Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Execution of this JPA supports the Council's Thrive outcomes of equity, leadership, accountability and stewardship. 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.

Funding

Funding for the annual participation fee will be provided through the MTPD Operating Budget.

Small Business Inclusion

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

