

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: October 8, 2025

Business Item: 2025-237

Transit Control Center Motorola Radio Upgrade, Contract 25P187

District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Stat. § 471.345
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Bus Transportation

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P187 with Motorola Solutions to provide radio console upgrades for the Transit Control Center (TCC) expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.

Background

TCC currently operates with 14 consoles—each staffed by a Supervisor or Associate Communications Specialist which are equipped with Motorola radios to ensure real-time monitoring and response to radio transmissions. As part of strategic planning for anticipated growth in bus and rail operations under the Network Now framework, the TCC is expanding both personnel and physical infrastructure.

This expansion includes the addition of 16 new consoles to accommodate increased staffing demands driven by higher volumes of report writing, radio transmissions, and incoming calls. Additionally, the existing 14 radio consoles need to be replaced to maintain operational consistency and ensure the effectiveness of real-time communications.

To procure these consoles, the Council will utilize the State Contract, Contract Release- R-696(5) – 220996.

The Council has statutory authority under Minnesota Statutes Section §471.345 to utilize such cooperative purchasing agreements.

Rationale

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

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcomes of Livability, Prosperity and

Equity by providing improvements to our communication equipment, which assists in serving residents who depend on Metropolitan Services.

Funding

Project funds are available through the Metro Transit capital budget.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a MCUB goal as this contract will be procured utilizing a state contract (Contract Release- R-696(5) – 220996) with Motorola Solutions.

