

Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2009-77

Meeting date: February 23, 2008

Council meeting March 11, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 12, 2009
Subject: Amendment to Contract 01P002 with Lorenz Bus Service
District(s), Member(s): 2 – Pistilli, 6 – Leppik, 7 – Meeks, 8 – Wittsack, 9 – Steffen, 10 – Sanda, 11 – Hilker, 13 – Aguilar
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract number 01P002, with Lorenz Bus Service to increase the maximum contract amount by \$360,000 to a new total contract amount not to exceed \$14,693,531

Background

Under this contract, Lorenz Bus Service provides regular route transit service in St. Paul and its northern suburbs with additional Saturday service to downtown Minneapolis. Currently, there are seven individual routes contained in this contract, two of which are express routes from the northern suburbs to downtown St. Paul.

Contract 01P002 between Metropolitan Council and Lorenz Bus Service originated on January 2, 2001 and originally terminated on December 31, 2008. The contract was extended to coincide with implementing the final phase of Sector 8 restructuring. The new service contract will begin on May 30th, 2009.

Rationale

At the time this contract was extended, staff was unsure if additional funding authorization was necessary. In a subsequent analysis of the available contract balance, and primarily due to unexpectedly high fuel escalator payments, staff deemed necessary this amendment.

Funding

Funding for this service was approved in the Metropolitan Council's 2009 Unified Operating Budget, so there is no impact to the budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.