

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: June 14, 2010
Council meeting: June 23, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: June 4, 2010
Subject: Authorization to Award Contract for Anoka County Regular Route Service
District(s), Member(s): 2-Pistilli, 9-Steffen,10-Sanda,11-Hilker
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures- Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000
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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a two-year contract with Anoka County to provide regular route transit service in Anoka County beginning August 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$5,475,000.

Background

Anoka County provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Transit Link dial-a-ride service and some regular route transit service within or serving Anoka County under contract to the Council. The service is delivered by a competitively procured private contractor with administrative oversight provided by Anoka County.

Since 1997, the Council has funded fixed route services administered by Anoka County through annual subsidy agreements. This contract allows the Council to continue to fund the operating expenses for regular route service provided by Anoka County.

Rationale

Anoka County solicited Requests for Proposals (RFP) in March and all known transit operators were contacted and invited to participate. Six proposals were received and evaluated by a five-member evaluation panel consisting of MTS, MnDOT Office of Transit and Anoka County staff members.

The evaluation panel evaluated and ranked all technical proposals and recommended MV Transportation, having a sound technical proposal and the lowest cost, as the winning proposer. The hourly rates achieved through this process compare favorably to rates recently received by the Council.

The Anoka County Board approved the evaluation panel's recommendation on May 11, 2010.

Funding

Funding for this service is budgeted in the annual operating budget.

Known Support/Opposition

No known opposition.