

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 24, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 14, 2007
Subject:	Metro Mobility Agency Service Contract Amendment
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	CFR 49, Parts 37 and 38
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the 2003 Contract for the Operation of Metro Mobility Agency Paratransit Service with Laidlaw Transit Services (LTS), Inc. (02P045) for the amount of \$285,000. This amendment increases the maximum contract authorization from \$19,437,285 to \$19,722,285.

Issue(s)

- The ability of the Council to meet its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991 (ADA) will be adversely impacted without additional funding for this contract.

Overview and Funding

The Agency Service Contract was authorized in 2003. Subsequently it was determined that the original Request for Proposals (RFP) scope of work understated the actual mileage required to provide the service. This understatement occurred for two reasons:

1. The Trapeze scheduling system calculated mileage based on a triangulation methodology. This methodology does not account for geographic barriers such as rivers and lakes. Metro Mobility Service Center (MMSC) staff determined in 2005 that the Trapeze scheduling system understated mileage by approximately 10%.
2. The RFP assumed no change to the location of agencies to be served. When the incumbent was not selected to provide service under the new agreement, some agencies opted to privately contract for service. New agencies filled the hours that were made available because of this unanticipated shift to private providers. However, the location of the new agencies resulted in increased mileage.

The contract was amended in early 2006 to reflect the change in mileage, but did not increase the maximum contract amount. Analysis conducted in late 2005 indicated that the additional costs associated with the mileage adjustment could be absorbed within the existing authorization. Since that

time, both the number of daily revenue hours and the price of fuel have increased, leading to an insufficient contract balance.

This amendment represents an increase of 1.5% over the original amount authorized in 2003. The term of this contract is 4 years, it commenced on September 29, 2003 and ends on September 30, 2007.

Current projections indicate that Metro Mobility will be under budget for CY 2007. Therefore, a budget amendment is not necessary at this time. Staff will monitor the budget closely, and if necessary return to the Council for a budget amendment utilizing available reserves.