

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 8, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: March 24, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	March 1, 2010
Subject:	Metro Mobility Amendment to Contract 04P056A with Transit Team
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) - Metro Mobility

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract number 04P056A with Transit Team, to increase the contract amount by \$700,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$60,312,372.

Background

Metro Mobility utilizes two competitively procured contractors to deliver service in Hennepin County and Ramsey County. The service contract with Transit Team, Inc., serving Hennepin County, commenced on July 1, 2005 and expires on June 30, 2010. Transit Team provides Metro Mobility demand service 7 days a week 365 days per year.

Rationale

This contract assumed increases in revenue hours annually (1.5% in years 2, 3 and 4, and 1% in year 5). The demand for rides in Hennepin County and resulting need for additional revenue hours significantly outpaced the assumptions while the increase in demand was significantly less in Ramsey County over the same five year term. The table below summarizes the growth in Hennepin County ridership over the term of the agreement.

Calendar Year	Zone 1 Ridership	% Change from Previous Year
2005	468,502	
2006	480,606	2.58%
2007	508,370	5.78%
2008	533,706	4.98%
2009	533,387	-0.01%
2010 Jan & Feb	88,716	3.63%

To satisfy the demand for service, eliminate ADA denials, and sustain an acceptable level of service quality Metro Mobility staff approved revenue hour increases on four occasions:

- October 2006, increased revenue hours by 8.1 hours per day

- March 2007, increased revenue hours an additional 13.9 hours per day
- December 2007, increased revenue hours an additional 25 hours per day
- March 2010 – July 2010, increase revenue hours an additional 17 hours per day

The contractor maintains a high productivity level averaging nearly 1.8 passengers per revenue hour. Each year, the adopted operating budget reflected the adjusted increases in revenue hours.

Funding

This amendment represents a 1.1% increase in contract value. Funding for this service was approved in the Metropolitan Council's 2010 unified Operating Budget, so there is no budget impact. It should be noted that the Zone 2 (primarily Ramsey County) service contract is estimated to finish at \$2,200,411 below the maximum contract amount which also expires on June 30, 2010. In total, Metro Mobility will be under its maximum combined contract liability by \$1,548,000.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.