

T Transportation Committee

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ADVISORY INFORMATION

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Subject: Regional Automatic Vehicle Location (RAVL) System
Interagency Agreements

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.405 and 471.59

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute interagency agreements with the Regional Transit Providers for the Regional Automatic Vehicle Location System.

Background

In 2002, the Council entered into a contract with Trapeze (then Siemens) for the purchase of a automatic vehicle location (AVL), data and communications system. The system was named SMARTCoM. Again in 2009, the Council contracted with Trapeze (then Continental) to expand SMARTCoM to the regional fleet. The system provides a critical link between bus operator and dispatch and, in real time, monitors and tracks the operations of more than 1000 buses and 100 non-revenue vehicles.

Rationale

The purpose of these agreements is to define the rights and obligations of the parties (Metropolitan Council and the Regional Transit Providers) participating in the use of the system with respect to ownership, operations, maintenance, and cost.

Funding

Regional Transit Providers, who choose to participate in the system, will contribute to the maintenance cost. Although this agreement does not have direct cost implications to the Council, terms within the agreement define how the Regional Transit Providers will reimburse the Council for maintenance and support services provided by Trapeze.

Known Support / Opposition

The draft interagency agreement was developed by committee including representatives from the Regional Transit Providers. The agreement has general support from the participating Regional Transit Providers, although negotiations continue on specific terms.