

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 9, 2012

Council meeting: April 11, 2012

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	<b>April 2, 2012</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Authorization to Award Contract for Bloomington &amp; Roseville Area Transit Service</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	<b>5-Steve Elkins, 10-John Đoàn, 14-Jon Commers</b>
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>Council policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000</b>
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	<b>Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)</b>

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a five-year contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide regular route transit service in the Bloomington and Roseville areas beginning June 2, 2012 through June 3, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$19,785,108.

### Background

This contract contains local bus service in two locales within the Council service area. Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday service are provided in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield; weekday and Saturday service are provided in Roseville, Falcon Heights, St. Paul and Shoreview.

### Rationale

Requests for proposals were publicly solicited and all known transit operators were directly invited to participate. Five proposals were received and evaluated by a five-member evaluation panel consisting of staff from Metropolitan Transportation Services, Metro Transit Service Development, and Scott County Transit. The panel evaluated the proposals on the following criteria: overall transit experience; extent of experience with similar services; driver training and selection; management, administrative, financial, and technical capabilities; vehicle maintenance practices; reporting capabilities; compliance with RFP requirements; and cost.

The evaluation panel evaluated and ranked all technical proposals. The panel then evaluated the cost proposals. The Evaluation Panel concluded that the proposal submitted by First Transit, Inc. is the most advantageous to the Council and recommends awarding the contract to First Transit.

The requested not to exceed amount of \$19,785,108 allows for a 20% increase in service hours compared to the base scope of work valued at \$16.6 million. A pricing structure that includes the ability to increase and reduce service allows the Council to adjust service hours, both up and down, during the five-year contract term while maintaining competitively procured rates.

Same week action is requested given the current contracts expire June 1, 2012. Approval by the Council on April 11, 2012 will provide the new contractor with adequate time to start the new contract on June 2, 2012.

**Funding**

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

**Known Support/Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this item.