

T Transportation Committee

For Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2010

Date January 12, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract 09P075 with Trapeze ITS for the Purchase of Bus AVL/APC Equipment

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract 09P075 with Trapeze ITS for the Purchase of Bus AVL/APC Equipment (approved in Business Item 2008-248) in the amount of \$1,300,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Pat Jones presented. Council member Leppik asked if the current economic climate would favor the solicitation of new quotes. Mr. Jones responded that the sole source nature of this contract results in economic conditions being of little influence. However, the existing contract does have a quantity discount advantage. Trapeze is also holding to unit costs identified in the contract, which was executed in early 2009.

Chair McFarlin inquired about the original contract with Trapeze (Continental) and the decision to sole-source. Mr. Jones responded that the intent of the project was to expand the existing Metro Transit system, installed in 2002-2004. Mr. Lamb further explained that because Trapeze had provided all of the AVL/APC equipment for the Metro Transit and regional fleet to date, it was most advantageous to maintain the technological consistency on these additional 40 buses.

Motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Vice Chair McFarlin stated this item could move forward as a **Consent Item**.

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Meeting date: January 11, 2010
Metropolitan Meeting: January 27, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 5, 2010
Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract 09P075 with Trapeze ITS for the Purchase of Bus AVL/APC Equipment
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Division/Department: Metro Transit - Engineering & Facilities and Bus Maintenance

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Background

In September of 2008, the Council executed a sole source contract with Trapeze ITS (formerly Continental Automotive) in Business Item 2008-248 for bus technology equipment for the Regional Transit Fleet. This amendment will provide for the purchase of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL), Automatic Passenger Counters (APC), radios, enunciators and adaptive display signs for equipment on 40 buses that are to be delivered in 2010 plus spare units. The contract amount will increase by \$1,300,000 to a new total of \$7,954,100.

Rationale

Purchasing the bus technology equipment in this manner is advantageous to the Council because of the ability to exercise contract pricing that was established in the original contract over one year ago. Purchase of this equipment now will ensure timely installation on buses that will be delivered in 2010.

Funding

Authorization for the equipment purchase is in the Council's Capital Improvement Plan. Funding is available in projects 61611, 61624 and 65910.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.