

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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**For the Metropolitan Council:** October 9, 2024

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### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Police Department Captain Joseph Dotseth presented this item. Captain Dotseth clarified that MTPD already has a JPA with the City of St. Paul and discussions are happening with County of Ramsey. Council members didn’t have any comments.

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyrone. Motion carried, Consent to Council.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 11, Council Member Gail Cederberg; District 12, Council Member Susan Vento; District 13, Council Member Chai Lee; District 14, Council Member Toni Carter
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	MN Statutes §§ 471.59, 473.407; FM 14-1 Procurement Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Joseph R Dotseth, Captain, Support Services, Metro Transit Police Richard Raymond, Captain, Patrol Operations, Metro Transit Police Joe Reichstadt, Manager Administration, Metro Transit Police
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit Police Department

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### Background

The Gold Line BRT service route goes through the cities of Woodbury, Oakdale, Maplewood and county of Washington. The cities and the county have law enforcement authority over these jurisdictions. The MTPD has law enforcement authority over its transit property within these jurisdictions as well as general law enforcement authority under Minnesota statutes section 473.407. These JPAs will clarify the roles and responsibilities of the MTPD and the local law enforcement agencies with respect to matters that affect Council property and transit in these jurisdictions.

### Rationale

Minnesota Statutes § 471.59 and Council Procurement Policy 14-1 requires that all joint powers agreements be authorized by the Council.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Execution of this JPA will support the Council’s Thrive Outcomes of Prosperity, Livability, and Equity.

Investment in high-quality transportation options makes the region more economically competitive through increased access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available

workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

Ensuring the region's existing transit resources are maintained and protected allows the Council to provide efficient, reliable, and safe service to our customers. Safeguarded transit facilities support functions for operations that increase mobility and access to opportunities for all residents, across race, economic means, and ability.

### **Funding**

There are no known costs associated with this agreement.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with this action.

