

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** September 22, 2025

**For the Metropolitan Council:** October 8, 2025

## Business Item: 2025-224

Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Edina (Edina Police Department) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD), Contract #251094

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 251094 with the City of Edina.

### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Police Department Interim Chief of Police Joseph Dotseth and Acting Lieutenant Kadra Mohamed presented this item. There was discussion on how these JPA’s provide clarity for both MTPD and local agencies. There was also discussion on what other JPA’s are present, and that MTPD is working to ensure all JPA’s are in a similar format/template.

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Osman. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 5, Council Member John Pacheco Jr. District 6, Council Member Robert Lilligren District 8, Council Member Anjuli Cameron
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	MN Statutes §§ 471.59, 473.407; FM 14-1 Procurement Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Joseph R Dotseth, Interim Chief of Police, Metro Transit Police Erin Deitz, Captain, Metro Transit Police Kadra Mohamed, Acting Lieutenant, Metro Transit Police Joe Reichstadt, Manager Administration, Metro Transit Police
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit Police Department

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 25I094 with the City of Edina.

### Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (“MTPD”) has entered into past mutual aid agreements with the City of Edina under the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Association mutual aid agreement (“Council Contract #15M004”) authorized under Business Item No. 2015-161. Council Contract #15M004 is a general cooperation agreement between the various police departments and does not clearly clarify roles as it relates to MTPD responding to calls for service in the City of Edina. This JPA will clarify the roles and responsibilities of MTPD and the Edina Police Department with respect to crimes that occur on Council property and within the city.

### 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

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Execution of this JPA supports the Council’s Thrive outcomes of equity, leadership, accountability and stewardship. 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.

### **Funding**

There are no known costs associated with this JPA.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

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

