

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 27, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: November 12, 2025

Business Item: 2025-260

Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Brooklyn Center (Brooklyn Center Police Department) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD)-Contract #251102

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 251102 with the City of Brooklyn Center.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Police Department Interim Chief of Police Joseph Dotseth presented this item. There was discussion on how these JPA's provide clarity and define responsibilities for both MTPD and local agencies. There was also discussion on: primary jurisdiction responsibility, how JPA's improve collaboration and length of these types of agreements. Discussion was given that MTPD's roles are defined in state law 473.407 and JPA's help define primary responsibility. Interim Chief Dotseth also noted that these JPA's have improved collaboration with partner agencies and MTPD tries to renew these agreements every 3-5 years.

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

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Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Brooklyn Center (Brooklyn Center Police Department) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD)-Contract #25I102

District(s), Member(s):	District 2, Council Member Reva Chamblis District 7, Council Member Yassin Osman District 8, Council Member Anjuli Cameron
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes §§ 471.59, 473.407; FM 14-1 Procurement Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	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
Division/Department:	Metro Transit Police Department

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 25I102 with the City of Brooklyn Center.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (“MTPD”) has entered into past mutual aid agreements with the City of Brooklyn Center 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 Brooklyn Center. This JPA will clarify the roles and responsibilities of MTPD and the Brooklyn Center 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.

