Business Item

Transportation Committee

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Fuel Supply for Metro Mobility, Contract 26P026

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 26P026 with Sunoco, LLC., to supply gasoline for Metro Mobility in the amount not to exceed $53,444,020.78.

Background

Metro Mobility is a shared ride, demand response public transportation service for certified riders who are unable to use regular fixed-route buses due to a disability or health condition.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) every public entity operating a regular-route system must provide complementary paratransit service to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use regular-route. This federally mandated service must be provided within three-quarters of a mile on both sides of any all-day, local bus or rail route in the Twin Cities with comparable service levels.

In addition, Minn. Stat. 473.386 requires the Metropolitan Council to provide greater access and door-through-door service. Metro Mobility Transit Service requires a continuous and uninterrupted supply of gasoline delivered to its contract operators, which has 670 gasoline-powered vehicles in service. Fuel to operate these vehicles is purchased by the Council through a contracted supplier and delivered to the provider-owned fueling stations. The price is based on an estimated delivery of 3.8 million gallons annually to Metro Mobility's contractors.

The Invitation for Bid was advertised on April 20, 2026. A pre-bid meeting was hosted on April 30, 2026, by the Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were nine plan holders, including eight suppliers, one prime, and three plan holders identified as minority, women, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on May 21, 2026, and two bids were received. Bids ranged from $53,444,020.78 to 53,541,637.99. Sunoco, LLC. was the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award. Actual expenditures will be determined by the Oil Price Information Service price index for gasoline, which will fluctuate daily over the contract term to reflect petroleum market prices.

Rationale

The execution of a non-construction contract exceeding $2,000,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Through the Thrive lens, this item advances several key outcomes. This contract supports the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by providing paratransit service in areas of the region that would otherwise be unserved, increasing the average number of jobs accessible by transit. It also advances the outcome of Equity by connecting residents with disabilities to opportunities.

Funding

Funding is available in the Metro Mobility annual operating budget.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs (OCRSB) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with applicable law and the contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OCRSB's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.