

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: April 8, 2026

Business Item: 2026-69

Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension/Minnesota Fusion Center (Contract #261001)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes §§ 471.59, 473.407; FM 14-1 Procurement Policy

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Division/Department: Metro Transit Police Department

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 261001 with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (“BCA”) for Minnesota Fusion Center (“MNFC”) access.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department (“MTPD”) has previously partnered with local agencies as it relates to task forces. Active participation in these task forces provides great value to MTPD, Metro Transit and the Council as a whole.

MNFC is a part of the Investigations Division within the BCA. MNFC works with law enforcement, first responders, government agencies and the private sector to share information related to terrorism, regional criminal activity, and major incidents to improve the ability to fight crime and terrorism locally, regionally and nationally. MNFC enables local, state, and tribal governments to gather, process, analyze and share information and intelligence relating to all crimes and all hazards.

This JPA permits MTPD to request resources directly from MNFC, therefore directly impacting crime and disorder on the Transit system. Additionally, cooperation and placement of a staff member within the BCA would meet MTPD’s department’s goals and address action items in the Safety and Security Action Plan. This agreement would offer career development opportunities for MTPD members while simultaneously allowing MTPD to serve the greater transit community in a proactive and positive manner, both of which are necessary components of MTPD’s continued success, meet department goals and enhance the Council’s success in the region.

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 agreement.

Small Business Inclusion

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

