

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: October 14, 2026

Business Item: 2026-179

Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Hopkins (Hopkins Police Department), Eden Prairie (Eden Prairie Police Department), and St. Louis Park (St. Louis Park Police Department and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD)-Contract # 26I057, 26I058 and 26I059

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 a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 26I057, 26I058 and 26I059 with the Cities of Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Eden Prairie.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department ("MTPD") has entered into past mutual aid agreements with agencies 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 cities along the Greenline Extension. This JPA will clarify the roles and responsibilities of MTPD and the Police Departments with the cities along the Green Line Extension 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.

Funding

There are no known costs associated with this JPA.

Small Business Inclusion

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

