

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



**Committee meeting date:** September 28, 2026

**For the Metropolitan Council:** October 14, 2026

## Business Item: 2026-180

Contracted Transit Electronic Equipment Maintenance, 25P308

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| <b>District(s), member(s):</b>   | All                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Policy/legal reference:</b>   | FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy                               |
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| <b>Division/department:</b>      | Contracted Transit                                                                                                  |

### Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P308 with Procellis Technology for technology services contract in an amount not to exceed \$25,200,000.

### Background

Contracted Transit operates a revenue vehicle fleet that supports multiple transit programs, including regular route bus service, Metro Mobility, Transit Link, Metro micro, and Metro Move. Vehicles in these programs rely on onboard technology systems such as network routers, security cameras, fare validators, mobile data computers, and automatic vehicle location systems to support routing, communication, safety, and service reliability.

More than 800 revenue vehicles currently use these technology systems across multiple service provider locations. These systems require ongoing installation, removal, configuration, troubleshooting, and preventive maintenance. The requested contract provides comprehensive support for maintaining and managing these onboard technologies, including equipment transfers for new and retiring vehicles, coordination with system vendors, and management of replacement parts and inventory. This work is essential for ensuring safe, efficient, and uninterrupted transit operations throughout the region.

A Request for Proposal was issued on May 12, 2026. A Pre-Proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff on May 27, 2026, which outlined the requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan-holder inquiries. There were five plan-holders, four prime vendors, one plan room, and three of the plan-holders identified as minority, women-owned, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

On June 16, 2026, the Council received three proposals to be evaluated for consideration of award. An evaluation panel evaluated the proposals using the following criteria: proposal quality, proposer's qualifications and experience, service delivery plan, key personnel, sub-consultant's qualifications and experience, and proposal price.

The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Procellis Technology is the most advantageous to the Council and recommend for award.

## **Rationale**

The execution of a professional service contract exceeding \$2,000,000 requires Council approval.

## **Thrive lens analysis**

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Sustainability. Deploying and maintaining onboard technology systems is essential in order to deliver high-quality service for Metro Mobility, Metro Move, Transit Link, Metro Micro, and Fixed Route customers and is essential to a positive transit customer experience.

## **Funding**

Funding for this contract is available in the approved Transportation Division operating budget.

## **Small business inclusion**

The Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs (OCRBSB) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 3% for this solicitation. OCRBSB determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract. It is worth noting that the firm being recommended for award is an MCUB firm.

