



Board Meeting Date: 7/14/2025

Title: Supplementary Special Education Transportation Contract Awards

Type: Consent

Presenter(s): Mert Woodard - Director, Finance & Operations

Description: The District last solicited requests for proposal (RFP) for supplementary special education transportation services using Type III vehicles (vans) in 2021. At that time, services were awarded to Twin City Transportation (TCT) and Metropolitan Transportation Network (MTN). This Spring, the District engaged its sourcing agent to solicit RFPs for Type III vehicle services. The District received 14 responses to its RFP and believes that responses from TCT, MTN, and Transportation Plus meet the requirements of the District. The District administration analyzed the responses in relation to the 116 Type III routes that were active as of the last week of the most recent school year. The following are costs for a typical month of school:

- Current daily cost - \$16,409.82
- Estimated cost with current vendors - \$16,963.80
- Estimated cost using only:
 - o MTN - \$18,067.00
 - o TCT - \$14,134.40
 - o Transportation Plus - \$4,839.22

To cover the expected number of routes and to provide enough additional flexibility to meet unexpected shortages, the administration recommends awarding contracts to all three of the preferred contractors. The current reimbursement rate for special education transportation expenditures is 95%. The reimbursement rate for homeless highly mobile transportation costs is 100%.

Recommendation: Approve the award of Type III transportation contracts to Twin City Transportation, Metropolitan Transportation Network, and Transportation Plus, and authorize the Director of Finance & Operations to execute all documents necessary to put the agreements into full effect.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Compliance with Minn. Stat. § 471.345 Subd. 3 and District Policy 707.

Attachments:

1. Type III RFP Analysis – 2025
2. Type III Transportation RFP Response – Twin City Transportation
3. Type III Transportation RFP Response – Metropolitan Transportation Network
4. Type III Transportation RFP Response – Transportation Plus