

# Transit Operations Procurement Update

- At 08/19/2020 MUTD Board meeting, Board requested that MUTD Staff investigate both public transit agency procurement and private company procurement options, with the provision to move forward with public agency procurement if it was not possible to do both options. FTA regulations preclude staff from running multiple bids for the same project. Because it is not possible to go out to public **and** private agencies under FTA regulations, staff is only discussing service options with public agencies.
- Public agencies would rather work together to discuss best possible outcome for MUTD and the CCT program. Public agencies will not compete against each other for service contracts.
  - The process in 2017 was a special situation because TAPS was no longer able to provide service. Currently, local public transit agencies prefer to collaborate on service provision, rather than compete.
- On 10/05/2020 MUTD Staff met with agency representatives from DART, DCTA, and STAR to discuss potential service models and timeline for rollout. Staff is hopeful to have an outcome by late November.
- Staff is recommending an extension of the existing contract with DCTA until 06/31/2021. This six-month extension will maintain current service for residents while a new service contract is negotiated.