

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 9, 2015

Subject: 2016 Metro Mobility Small Bus Procurement

Proposed Action

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2. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 88331) for up to 23 replacement buses and 10 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,145,000.

Purchase of these buses is contingent on Council approval of project #35990 in Business Item 2015-173.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda at the Transportation Committee.

Motion by Dorfman, seconded by Letofsky and carried.

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Meeting date: August 24, 2015

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract release number B-347(5); and Council Procedure 1-2c Sustainability in Fleet Procedure

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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

This procurement of 56 buses aligns with the bus replacement/expansion schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered in March and April of 2016.

Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality service. The buses that are scheduled for replacement will have met or exceeded the Council's replacement cycle of five years for small buses. The fleet scheduled to be replaced have mileages between 225,000 and 325,000 miles. The 10 expansion buses are necessary due to continued Metro Mobility ridership growth.

This procurement utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement process, release #B-347(5), which is compliant with all State and Federal regulations. The MnDOT vehicle contracts expire on December 31, 2015.

Funding

Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds will be used to purchase these small buses pending approval of project #35990 in Business Item 2015-173 on September 9, 2015.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.