Business Item No. 2017-248

#### **Transportation Committee**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

#### Subject: Contract for Transit Vehicle Tire Lease and Service

#### **Proposed Action**

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#### **Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**

Joe Reichstadt introduced Abel Mumbi who presented this item. Abel answered a couple questions from Council members: how many companies make tires for buses (there were three document holders - Michelin, Bridgestone, and Goodyear- out of the three tire companies only Micheline submitted a proposal); why was there only 1 proposal (procurement conducted adequate competition determination and found that there was no indication that the Council's specifications were restrictive and determined there was adequate competition); is it cheaper to lease then purchased (yes).

Motion by Reynoso, seconded by Commers and passed. CONSENT to Council.



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Meeting date: November 13, 2017

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## Background

Metro Transit currently contracts for the tire lease and service of approximately 6332 tires, on its active fleet of 912 transit buses. The contractor provides tire service, mount and dismounting tires, wheel refurbishment, tire inspection, and record keeping.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for tire lease and service was issued on June 27th, 2017, only one proposal was received to provide these services. An evaluation panel made up of Council employees and one individual outside the Council reviewed the proposal for both technical and financial aspects. The panel's consensus determination was that the proposal from Michelin North America, Inc. estimated at \$14,463,419.33 for a five-year contract is advantageous to the Council.

## Rationale

The current tire lease and service contract expires on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a new contract is required to provide tires for Metro Transit bus fleet.

## **Thrive Lens Analysis**

A new tire lease and service contract advances Thrive through the Lens of promoting regional prosperity for everyone, by continuing to serve residents who depend on transit.

## Funding

Funding for this contract will be budgeted and approved for in future Capital Improvement Programs, and funding sources will be an 80/20 federal grant and operating budget.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.

