

### Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 27, 2019

**Subject:** Eight Sixty-foot BRT Articulated Expansion Buses for D-Line

#### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options in Contract No. 13P183 with New Flyer of America to purchase eight (8) sixty-foot articulated diesel buses with bus rapid transit (BRT) styling, in an amount not to exceed \$7,008,507.41, contingent upon satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

#### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Director of Bus Maintenance Matt Dake presented this item. There were no questions and one comment. Munt noted that it's exciting that we are purchasing Minnesota-made New flyer electric buses and supporting union jobs as we move away from dirty diesel.

Motion by Munt, seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried.

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Meeting date: February 25, 2019

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**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Contract No. 13P183

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit Bus Maintenance Division

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### Background

The Council executed Contract No. 13P183 with New Flyer of America Metro in March of 2014. The five-year contract includes 60 base order and 88 option buses. The option buses requested are 8 diesel 60-foot articulated buses for use on the D-line BRT Corridor.

### Rationale

The purchase of these buses is in alignment with the planned fleet expansion and replacement cycle allowing for a reliable sixty-foot bus fleet and is consistent with past fleet purchases. The current Contract 13P183 with New Flyer of America Metro expires on March 30, 2019 and a new procurement contract solicitation for sixty-foot buses has not been finalized. To ensure Metro Transit acquires the eight (8) buses with a price certainty, we recommend leveraging the existing contract before it expires. If we cannot proceed with this procurement, a new contract will need to be established before the agency can procure buses for the D-Line. A new bus procurement process requires approximately eighteen (18) months from the date of solicitation to bus delivery and likely will increase the cost of acquiring the eight (8) buses.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This new bus procurement advances Thrive through the lens of promoting regional prosperity for everyone by continuing to serve residents who depend on transit.

### Funding

Funds are available locally for this procurement. The total cost of these new buses is estimated at \$7,008,507.41.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.