

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2021

Subject: Procurement of 26 Biodiesel Forty-Foot Transit Buses, Contract 19P122

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 19P122 with Gillig LLC, to provide 26 base order biodiesel forty-foot transit buses (including optional equipment) with options to purchase up to 149 additional replacement and expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$13,648,091.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Bus Maintenance Assistant Director Joe Reichstadt presented this item. Council member Fredson asked about biodiesel buses made by competitors in Minnesota. Reichstadt said the FTA does not allow for a geographical preference. Sterner asked when electric vehicles will be considered. Reichstadt said buses needed to be replaced this year so the decision had to be made immediately.

Motion by Zeran, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried.

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 25, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2021

Subject:	Procurement of 26 Biodiesel Forty-Foot Transit Buses, Contract 19P122
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Wes Koositra, General Manager, Metro Transit 612-349-7510 Vince Pellegrin, Deputy General Manager, Metro Transit 612-349-7511 Brian Funk, Deputy Chief Operations Officer, Bus, 612-349-7514 Matt Dake, Director, Bus Maintenance, 612-349-5000 Joe Reichstadt, Assistant Director Bus Maintenance Admin, 612-349-5052
Division/Department:	Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 19P122 with Gillig LLC, to provide 26 base order biodiesel forty-foot transit buses (including optional equipment) with options to purchase up to 149 additional replacement and expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$13,648,091.

Background

Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services are replacing twenty-six base order buses in 2021 and 2022 and there are potential fleet plan needs for option buses to be ordered in 2021-2023. Some buses may be ordered with BRT packages.

The Request for Proposals was advertised on July 11, 2019. There were eleven suppliers that registered as plan holders for the project and five were bus manufacturers. Proposals were due on October 24, 2019 and two proposals were received. The Office of Equal Opportunity did not set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal for this project as it is federally funded and requires proposers to comply with FTA DBE requirements for Rolling Stock.

Rationale

Two proposals were received for Biodiesel Forty-Foot Buses and both proposers were requested to present a Best and Final Offer (BAFO). Gillig LLC, submitted the highest technically ranked proposal and the lowest BAFO price of \$479,852, per bus, which reflected a 1.62% cost savings over the original price proposal. New Flyer of America Inc. submitted a highly ranked technical proposal that was competitive at a BAFO price of \$493,571, per bus, which reflected a 2.78% decrease over the original price proposal and is 2.78% higher than the Gillig LLC BAFO price. The award and execution contracts for rolling stock in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

A Metro Transit Biodiesel Forty-Foot Bus contract advances Thrive outcomes through the lens of promoting regional Livability, Sustainability and Prosperity for everyone, by continuing to serve residents who depend on transit as well as all residents of the region in an environmentally responsible manner.

Funding

Federal funding is budgeted if the 2021-2026 CIP for these Biodiesel Forty-Foot Buses.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.