Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 26, 2021

Subject: Metro Transit Bus Diesel Fuel Supply-2021, Contract 21P062

Proposed Action
That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a 4-year contract with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. to provide bus diesel fuel and delivery services in an amount not to exceed $49,015,779.39.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions
Chamblis asked about the location of the company. Chamblis brought up the size and demographic profile of the lowest responsible and responsive bidders.

Motion by Cummings, seconded by Zeran. Motion carried.
Transportation Committee
Meeting date: May 10, 2021
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 26, 2021

Subject: Metro Transit Bus Diesel Fuel Supply-2021, Contract 21P062
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services
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, Maintenance, 612-349-5000
                             Abel Mumbi, Manager, Warranty, Contracts and Analysis, 612-349-5006

Division/Department: Metro Transit

Proposed Action
That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a 4-year contract with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. to provide bus diesel fuel and delivery services in an amount not to exceed $49,015,779.39.

Background
Metro Transit has 875 diesel powered buses and requires a new contract to provide Ultra-Low Sulfur Biodiesel fuel to operate. Prices quoted are based on daily index prices and estimated annual usage quantities.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on March 3, 2021. There were eleven plan holders of which nine were diesel fuel suppliers and one supplier identified as a small business enterprise.

A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the bid requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on April 6, 2021 and received six bids.

The Office of Equal Opportunity did not set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal for this project based on subcontracting opportunities in this market.

Rationale
Six bids were received ranging from $49,015,779.40 to $50,519,823.50. Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. was the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder and is recommended for award.

The award and execution of a goods procurement in excess of $500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis
This project advances the Thrive outcomes of Livability, Sustainability and Equity by improving access to transportation choices for all residents across race, ethnicity, and economic means, while utilizing an environmentally responsible Ultra-Low Sulfur Biodiesel fuel.

Funding
Funding is available in the Metro Transit annual operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition
There is no known opposition to the proposed action.