

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: Jan. 13th, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: Jan. 22nd, 2025

Business Item: 2025-22

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metropolitan Transportation Services Contracted Services Senior Project Administrator Jodi Janssen and Fleet Manager Paul Colton presented this item. Cameron asked about other states on the contract.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried. Non-consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute § 471.345
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Charles Carlson, Executive Director MTS (651) 602-1761 Gerri Sutton, Director, MTS Contracted Services (651) 602-1672 Paul Colton, Fleet Manager MTS Contracted Services (651) 602-1668 Jodi Janssen, Sr. Project Admin MTS Contracted Services (651) 602-1103
Division/Department:	Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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Background

Procurement of (38) replacement and (5) expansion heavy duty buses aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Authorized Capital Program, contingent upon approval of business item BI2025-02 JT. Purchase of these heavy duty buses will allow the operating agencies to continue maintaining a state of good repair for their respective fleets and to implement planned transit expansion projects. These (38) heavy duty buses will replace heavy duty buses that will exceed their useful life in 2025. Projects are funded through a combination of federal programs including Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Urbanized Area Formula (NTD) funds along with local match funding.

- (3) 30' Gillig Buses for MVTA utilizing a CMAQ Grant, Project #36331
- (2) 30' Gillig Buses for MVTA utilizing a CMAQ Grant, Project #36332
- (2) 40' Gillig Buses for Plymouth utilizing NTD Funding, Project #36277
- (34) 35' Gillig Buses for MTS utilizing NTD Funding, Project #36329
- (2) 35' Gillig Buses for MTS utilizing NTD Funding, Project #36276

The purchase of (36) Gillig Buses for MTS will support contracted bus service expansion identified in the Network Now project. The (5) CMAQ buses for MVTA will support expansion services from Shakopee to Brooklyn Center and from the MVTA service area to Rice Street / University Avenue, awarded through the Council's Regional Solicitation process.

The State of Washington released RFP 06719 which is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement that is open to all transit agencies. The Council executed Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement

#221002 with the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services to utilize Master Contract 06719.

Rationale

The execution of a goods contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will advance the Thrive outcomes of Sustainability and Livability by supporting the continued viability of transportation alternatives for commuters and enhancing the quality of life in the region by reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality.

Funding

These buses are in the approved Capital Plan and will use federal and local funds. Full funding is contingent upon approval of the projects in the Council's Authorized Capital Program through business Item BI2025-02 JT.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) did not establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this procurement. Transit Vehicle Manufacturers are required to submit DBE program plans directly to the FTA. The FTA maintains a list of approved transit vehicle manufacturers and the Council may only purchase transit vehicles from that list.

