

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** January 27, 2025

**For the Metropolitan Council:** February 12, 2025

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Metro Transit Bus Battery Purchase, Contract 24P271

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### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Bus Maintenance Technical Support Assistant Director Jeremiah Riter presented this item. Carter, Tyronne asked for battery specifics. Riter responded that two different types of batteries are called out in this contract: one is an AGM battery about the size of a car battery and the other is a flooded battery which is about 2.5 x the size of a car battery.

Motion by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Brian Funk, Deputy GM/Chief Operating Officer, 612-349-7514 Bruce Cardon Deputy Chief Operations Officer Maintenance, 612-349-7516 Abel Mumbi, Bus Maintenance Director, 612-349-5006 Jeremiah Riter, Bus Maintenance Assistant Director, 612-349-5005
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit/Bus Maintenance

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### Background

Metro Transit has 747 diesel powered buses and requires a new contract to provide two types of replacement bus starting batteries and used battery disposal services. The number of batteries per bus could be either two or four depending on the type. Prices quoted are based on an estimated replacement and disposal quantity of 866 batteries annually

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on November 8, 2024. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were ten registered plan holders, eight prime bidders, one subcontractor, one plan room, and four plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on December 11, 2024, and received two bids.

The two bids received ranged from \$1,316,206 to \$1,759,161.48. CMD Properties Inc., is the low, responsive, responsible bidder and recommended for award. Annual estimates were calculated based on past use and anticipated fleet size.

### Rationale

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

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This contract will advance the Thrive outcomes of Livability and Prosperity by maintaining fleet vehicles to provide safe, reliable transportation, making the region more economically competitive

through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation. In addition, the contract advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

### **Funding**

Funds will be budgeted for the purchase and delivery of bus batteries in Metro Transit's Council Authorized Operating Budget

### **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

