

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 9, 2012

Council Meeting: April 25, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 30, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase Small Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release Number B-347(5)
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) Micky Gutzmann, Acting Director of Purchasing – Metropolitan Council (651)602-1741 Gerri Sutton, MTS Asst. Director (651-602-1672) Alex Curtiss, Manager, Fleet Services (651-602-1487)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Eldorado (MnDOT contract 40759) for eleven small buses in an amount not to exceed \$795,000.

Background

This procurement is in alignment with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) established for Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS).

Rationale

Vehicles will be purchased for MTS' Transit Link and contracted fixed route service to replace buses that have reached the end of their useful life. This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release B-347(5) and is compliant with all State and Federal regulations.

Funding

These capital expenditures were previously included in the Metropolitan Council's Capital Improvement Plan and added to the Authorized Capital Program on October 26, 2011, with Business Item 2011-259 and November 9, 2011, with Business Item 2011-286.

Eight replacement buses will be purchased with \$401,920 in Section 5307 Federal Formula funds and \$163,080 in local Regional Transit Capital (RTC) matching funds. The remaining three buses will be purchased using \$230,000 in RTC funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this item.