

T Transportation Committee

Business Item
Item: 2012-255
Consent

Meeting date: August 13, 2012

Council Meeting: August 22, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	August 6, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Contract Options with Gillig, Inc.
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2012 Capital Program
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise purchase options on contract 07P162 with Gillig Corporation to purchase two forty-foot buses in an amount not to exceed \$880,000.

Background

The Council awarded contract 07P162 to Gillig Corporation in October 2007. The contract includes the purchase of 314 forty-foot buses with an option for up to an additional 300 forty-foot buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options. Plymouth has two large transit buses scheduled for replacement in 2012. The base price on this contract for a Gillig diesel bus is \$413,457. Per the terms of the agreement, pricing on option buses is subject to a Producer Price Index escalation. The exact adjusted price of these buses will be established when the options are exercised.

Rationale

The buses requested in this action will replace two buses assigned to Plymouth that will reach the federally required minimum life when retired. This investment reflects the Council's commitment to maintain and preserve regional transit investments and is in alignment with the objective of the unified capital programming process.

Funding

This capital project was previously included in the Metropolitan Council's Capital Improvement Plan and amended into the Authorized Capital Program with BI 2011-259 on October 26, 2011. These replacement vehicles are funded with \$231,040 Federal Formula Funds and \$648,960 required local match Regional Transit Capital bonds.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.