

# T Transportation Committee

**Business Item**  
**Item: 2012-85**  
**Consent**

**Meeting date: March 26, 2012**

**Council Meeting: April 11, 2012**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	March 16, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with The University of Minnesota
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	2012 Capital Program
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with the University Of Minnesota for up to \$498,000 for the purchase of one 30' Gillig Hybrid Bus.

### **Background**

Federal law requires that all transit providers in the country report statistics to the federal government annually, to what is known as the National Transit Database (NTD). Based on this reporting, the federal government allocates federal formula funds to the various regions. The Council allows providers in the region to apply the amount of funds the Council received due to their reported services toward capital investments for their service. The University of Minnesota will use their allocated NTD funds to purchase a 30' Gillig hybrid bus for campus circulator and transit way services.

### **Rationale**

The University of Minnesota will exercise a piggyback option from an existing contract held by Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority. This vehicle will replace a smaller vehicle to help address overload issues on Minneapolis campus circulator service and between the East Bank and St. Paul Campus connecting people via the transit way. The University of Minnesota will provide the required match of 17%.

### **Funding**

Funding for this grant includes \$498,000 (83%) of federal funds and \$102,000 (17%) of local match funds provided by the University of Minnesota. Spending for this project was authorized by the Council on March 14, 2012 with BI 2012-42.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this item. Support expressed by the University of Minnesota.