

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 14, 2012

Council Meeting: May 23, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 8, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase 38 Small Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2012 Capital Program; State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release Number B-347(5)
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, MTS Director (651-602-1754) 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 purchase agreements with North Central Bus Sales, Hogle Bus and Eldorado for 38 small buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,776,600.

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 to replace buses for MTS's fixed route and Transit Link dial-a-ride services that have reached the end of their useful life. These purchases will allow the Council to carry out its long-term capital improvement program for transit. 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

Funding for 19 replacement buses will be purchased using \$1,371,600 of Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds which are included in the 2012 Authorized Capital Program.

Funding for the remaining 19 will use \$898,720 of 5307 Federal Formula funds and \$506,280 of RTC funds.

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Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.