

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 14, 2012

Council Meeting: May 23, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 8, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Exercise MCI Contract Options
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2012 Capital Program
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 exercise purchase options on contract 08P114 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) to purchase eleven (11) coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$6,050,000.

Background

The Council awarded contract 08P114 to MCI in January 2009. The contract provides for the purchase of 26 forty-five foot buses with options of up to an additional 86. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

Rationale

This purchase consists of seven expansion and four replacement vehicles.

Seven expansion vehicles will be purchased to address consistent overloads and ridership increases for I-35W Lakeville service on Route 467, Forest Lake service on Route 288 and Woodbury service on Route 351.

Prior Lake and MTS will each be assigned two new vehicles to replace buses that have reached the end of their service life. These purchases allow the Council to carry out its long-term capital improvement program for transit.

Funding

Funding for seven expansion vehicles includes \$3,080,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds designated for regional fleet expansion and \$770,000 of Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds. Funding for two MTS replacement buses includes \$865,280 of 5307 Federal Formula funds and \$234,720 of RTC funds. Funding for two Prior Lake replacement vehicles is \$1,100,000 of RTC funds.

This funding is included in the 2012 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.