Business Item Item: 2012-336

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Meeting date: November 26, 2012 Council Meeting: November 28, 2012

### **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: November 15, 2012

**Subject:** Authorization to Execute a Purchase Agreement with New

Flyer

District(s), Member(s): All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2012 Capital Program; State of Minnesota Cooperative

Vehicle Procurement Contract Release Number B347-(5)

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

## **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with New Flyer (contract #40763) for three 60-foot articulated buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,130,600.

## **Background**

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

#### Rationale

These buses will be purchased to replace three buses assigned to Maple Grove Transit that have reached the end of their useful life and are eligible for replacement in 2012. This purchase 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 B347-(5) and is compliant with all state and federal regulations.

## **Funding**

Funding for these replacement buses includes Federal Formula Funds of \$1,640,160 and \$410,040 of Regional Transit Capital funds which are included in the 2012 Authorized Capital Program.

# **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.