

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 10, 2012

Council Meeting: September 26, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	August 28, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Lease MCI Buses to St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Fleet Management Procedures
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to lease three 2000 model year MCI coach buses to St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission.

Background

The St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission asked the Council for assistance in replacing three commuter coach buses, averaging 17+ years, used to operate the Northstar Link service between St. Cloud and the Big Lake Northstar Station.

Rationale

The Council's Fleet Management Procedures, adopted in September 2010, program the replacement of coach buses at fourteen years beginning with model year 2003. The buses to be transferred with this approval are year 2000 models, which were grandfathered into a twelve year replacement cycle, and are eligible for disposal per adopted Council procedures. These buses have an estimated market value of \$100,000-\$150,000 per bus.

The vehicles will be leased to St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission under the terms of an agreement which obligates the lessee to properly maintain and operate the vehicles and assume all associated costs. St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission intends to use the buses for another 5-8 years upon which they will be returned to the Council for proper disposal.

St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission has committed to using these coach buses for the Northstar Link service only. Council staff supports the Northstar Link Commuter Bus service and believes the transfer of these vehicles supports the Council's desire to operate a successful commuter rail system.

Funding

There is no funding involved in this transfer.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.