

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 9, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2013

Subject: Authorize execution of contract options with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) on behalf of Southwest Transit (SWT) and the City of Prior Lake

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2014 Fleet Capital Program

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract options on Contract 08P114 with MCI to purchase 7 coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$4,057,200 on behalf of SWT and the City of Prior Lake.

Background

The Council awarded contract #08P114 to MCI in January 2009. The contract includes 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 will consist of seven expansion vehicles. Four (4) expansion vehicles will be purchased on behalf of SWT to address new transit service to the Target Corporate Campus in Brooklyn Park. Three (3) expansion buses will be purchased on behalf of Prior Lake to provide greater service frequency and balance passenger loads.

Funding

The purchase of these expansion vehicles is an authorized project in the current Capital Improvement Plan and will utilize 80% CMAQ funds and 20% required local match funds.

Known Support / Opposition

This project has the support of both SWT and Prior Lake.