

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: **July 22, 2013**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: **August 14, 2013**

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**Subject:** Procurement of 10 Small Buses

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract release number B-347(5); and Council Procedure 1-2c Sustainability in Fleet Procedure

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Hognlund Bus (MnDOT Contract 56190) for up to ten small buses in an amount not to exceed \$603,300.

### Background

This procurement is in alignment with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) established for Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) and closes out the small bus scheduled purchases for 2013.

### Rationale

Vehicles will be purchased to replace four buses for Transit Link, Metro Mobility and Fixed Route service. In addition, six expansion buses will be purchased for the Transit Link program. All of the replacement vehicles have reached the end of their service life. These activities will allow the Council to carry out its long term capital improvement program for transit.

### Funding

This bus acquisition utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement Contract Release B-347(5) which was released on October 5, 2012. Proposals were due to MnDOT on October 5, 2012. This procurement is compliant with all State and Federal regulations. The MnDOT vehicle contract expires on December 31, 2013. Capital funding for these purchase agreements is provided for in the Unified Capital Program.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.