

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 28, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 13, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with SouthWest Transit (SWT)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2013 Capital Program

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute the following grant agreements with SWT to purchase eight (8) coach style buses and four (4) 30' heavy duty transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$5,988,000.

Background

All of the buses will replace buses in early 2015 that are at the end of their useful life and are scheduled for replacement. SWT will utilize the State of Minnesota competitive Contract with Gillig Corp. for the 30' bus purchase, and the Metropolitan Council's competitive Contract with MCI for coach bus purchase. Both contracts are federally compliant.

Rationale

This grant will allow SWT to purchase replacement buses using Section 5307 Federal Formula and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds distributed by the Metropolitan Council.

Funding

The funding for this grant includes 80% federal funds and 20% local match funds. The funding for this project (35941) was approved by the Council with action item 2013-249, Authorization to Amend the 2013 Unified Capital Program, on October 23, 2013.

Known Support / Opposition

Support expressed by SWT.