

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 25, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 10, 2014

**Subject:** Authorize Execution of Contract Options with Gillig Corporation

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2014 Fleet Capital Program

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 12P227 with Gillig Corporation to purchase one forty foot bus in an amount not to exceed \$458,000, contingent on satisfactory results for the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

### Background

The Council entered into contract #12P227 with Gillig Corporation in July 2013. The contract includes the purchase of 184 forty foot buses with options of up to an additional 221 buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

### Rationale

This purchase will consist of one expansion vehicle. This expansion vehicle will be purchased on behalf of Plymouth Metro Link to address passenger overloads and improve service frequency.

### Funding

The purchase of this expansion vehicle is an authorized project in the current Capital Improvement Plan and will utilize federal and local funds.

### Known Support / Opposition

This project has the support of the City of Plymouth.