

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 25, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 10, 2014

**Subject:** Authorize Execution of Contract Options with New Flyer Industries

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2014 Capital Budget, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Authorized Capital Program

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 13P183 with New Flyer Industries to purchase four articulated buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,940,000, contingent on satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

### Background

The Council entered into contract #13P183 with New Flyer Industries in March 2014. The contract includes the purchase of 83 sixty foot articulated buses with options of up to an additional 88 buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

### Rationale

This purchase will consist of four expansion buses purchased on behalf of Maple Grove Transit to address passenger overloads and to improve service frequency.

### Funding

The purchase of the expansion buses 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 Maple Grove.