

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 22, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 14, 2015

Subject: Authorize Execution of Contract Options with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) on Behalf of MVTA

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2015 Fleet Capital Program, 2015 Capital Budget

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Division/Department: Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise contract options on contract #14P053 with MCI to purchase five coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,898,000 on behalf of the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA).

Background

The Council awarded contract #14P053 to MCI in October 2014. The contract includes the purchase of 49 forty-five foot buses with options of up to an additional 95 buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

Rationale

This purchase includes five expansion vehicles on behalf of MVTA to provide additional transit service to downtown St. Paul, addressing passenger overloads on this service and improving frequency.

Funding

The purchase of these expansion vehicles is an authorized project in the approved 2015 Unified Budget - Capital Program and will utilize 80% Federal CMAQ funds and 20% required local match funds.

Known Support / Opposition

This vehicle purchase has the support of MVTA. There is no known opposition.