

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 24, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 26, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Purchase 3 Option Coach Diesel Buses

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$500,000

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options with Motor Coach Industries to purchase 3 diesel coach buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,662,000.

Background

This procurement will purchase 3 coach buses for the route 285. To procure these buses, the Council will utilize contract 08P114 that was awarded to Motor Coach Industries on January 14, 2009 for 26 base order coach buses. The contract includes an option for the Council to purchase up to 86 additional buses and options can be purchased off of this contract up to April 2, 2014.

Rationale

This investment reflects the Council's commitment to maintain and preserve regional transit investments and is in alignment with the objectives of the unified capital programming process.

Funding

Funding for these coach buses is contingent on approval by the Metropolitan Council of the Carry-Forward Amendment contained in Business Item No. 2014-034 "Approval of the Carry Forward Budget Amendment to the 2014 Unified Budget" in Project 35320.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition