

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 24, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 26, 2014

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

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 an existing contract option on Contract 08P114 with MCI to purchase thirteen coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$7,534,800.

Background

The Council awarded contract #08P114 to MCI in January 2009. The contract includes the purchase of 26 forty-five foot coach buses with options of up to an additional 86. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

Rationale

This purchase will consist of four expansion vehicles and nine replacement buses for use by SouthWest Transit. The expansion vehicles will improve headways and balance out passenger loads on a number of existing routes. The remaining nine buses will replace current fleet that will have met or exceeded their useful life per federal regulations and adopted Council procedures when the new buses arrive in mid-2015.

Funding

Purchase of both the expansion and replacement buses is included in the 2014-2018 CIP and the Authorized Capital Program. The expansion buses will utilize up to 80% federal funds and with the remainder in local matching funds. The nine replacement buses will be purchased with Regional Transit Capital funds.

Known Support / Opposition

This vehicle purchase has the support of Southwest Transit.