

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 13, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 22, 2014

Subject: 2015 Small Buses Procurement

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract release number B-347(5); and Council Procedure 1-2c Sustainability in Fleet Procedure

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements, contingent upon Council approval of Action Item 2014-227 on October 22, 2014, with:

1. Høglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 72485) for up to 32 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,364,177; and
2. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 72487) for up to 32 replacement buses and 20 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,356,000.

Background

This procurement of 87 buses aligns with the bus replacement/expansion schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This request represents the majority of the small bus fleet to be replaced in 2015. Buses will be delivered in March and April for assignment to following transit programs:

Metro Mobility – 22 replacement buses, 29 expansion buses;

Transit Link – 33 replacement buses;

MVTA – 5 replacement buses

Shakopee – 3 replacement buses

Maple Grove – 1 replacement bus

Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality service. The buses that are scheduled for replacement will have met or exceeded the Council's replacement cycle of five years for small buses. Most of the vehicles, particularly in the Metro Mobility fleet, have mileage between 225,000 and 325,000 miles. The 29 expansion buses are necessary due to continued Metro Mobility ridership growth.

This procurement utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement process which is compliant with all State and Federal regulations. The MnDOT vehicle contracts expire on December 31, 2014.

Funding

Federal 5307 formula funds and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds will be utilized for these small buses. Capital funding is provided for in Council Action Item 2014-227 Fourth Quarter Budget Amendment to the 2014 Unified Budget. Approval of this recommendation is contingent upon Council approval of Action Item 2014-227 on October 22, 2014.

Known Support / Opposition

This vehicle purchase has the support of Maple Grove, Shakopee and MVTA. There is no known opposition.