

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 24, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 9, 2015

Subject: Authorize Execution of Contract Options with Gillig LLC

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Adopted 2015-2020 Fleet Capital Program, 2015 Third Quarter MTS Capital Budget Amendment

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 12P227 with Gillig Corporation to purchase fourteen transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$6,699,000. This purchase is contingent on approval of project #35987 in Business Item 2015-173 and satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

Background

The Council awarded contract 12P227 to Gillig on July 30, 2013. The contract includes the purchase of 184 40-foot replacement buses with options of up to an additional 221 buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

Rationale

This purchase includes 14 replacement vehicles that will be operated by MVTA. These buses will replace 14 fourteen foot low floor buses that will have reached the end of their useful life at the time of replacement. It is anticipated that the new buses will arrive during the first quarter of 2017.

Funding

The purchase of these expansion vehicles is in the approved Capital Plan and will use Federal funds and local match funds. Purchase of these buses is contingent upon approval of project #35987 in Council Business Item 2015-173.

Known Support / Opposition

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