

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 11, 2015

Subject: Authorization to approve the purchase of three 40' option buses and BRT options
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Contract #12P227
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on contract 12P227 with Gillig Corporation to purchase three option buses and bus rapid transit (BRT) features for twelve buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,960,092. This purchase is contingent on satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit and completion of environmental clearance for the A Line project.

Background

The Council executed contract 12P227 with Gillig Corporation in July 2013. The contract includes the purchase of 184 40-foot replacement buses, options for an additional 221 buses and BRT enhancements. Staff must receive Council approval prior to purchasing option buses and BRT enhancements.

Expansion buses are needed for service on the region’s first arterial BRT corridor, the A Line. The A Line project includes fast, frequent service along Snelling Avenue, Ford Parkway, and 46th Street in Roseville, Falcon Heights, St. Paul, and Minneapolis.

A dedicated fleet of BRT vehicles is required to provide this service. The A Line BRT fleet consists of twelve buses, three of which are expansion buses and nine of which are replacement buses. All twelve buses will be upgraded with BRT features detailed in the existing Gillig contract and authorized by this action.

Rationale

The A Line requires a new BRT vehicle fleet. Council authorization will allow buses to be ordered and delivered in time for the anticipated start of service.

Funding

The purchase of the expansion buses is an authorized project (project # 65400) in the current Capital Improvement Plan and will utilize federal funds from a CMAQ grant and also local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this purchase.



A Line BRT Exterior

