

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2015

Subject: Articulated Bus Purchase

District(s), Member(s): District 1 – Katie Rodriguez

Policy/Legal Reference: 2014 Capital Budget, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Authorized Capital Program

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options, on Contract 13P183 with New Flyer Industries, to purchase 11 articulated buses in an amount not to exceed \$8,140,000 contingent upon approval of Business Item 2015-031.

Background

The Council entered into contract #13P183 with New Flyer Industries in March 2014. The contract includes the purchase of 83 sixty-foot articulated buses with options of up to an additional 88 buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options. This purchase is contingent on satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

Rationale

This purchase will consist of 11 replacement buses purchased on behalf of Maple Grove Transit. These buses will replace similar units that will have met or exceeded their useful life of 12 years.

Funding

The purchase of the replacement buses is contingent upon approval of Business Item 2015-031 *Authorization to Amend the 2015 Unified Budget – Carry Forward Amendment*. Funding for this project will come from both federal and regional sources.

Known Support / Opposition

This project has the support of the City of Maple Grove.