

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 12, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 28, 2015

**Subject:** 2016 MTS Small Bus 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, contingent on Council approval of the 2015 Unified Budget Fourth Quarter Amendment (Business Item 2015-231), authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with:

1. Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 88294) for up to 15 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,035,000; and
2. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 88331) for up to three replacement buses and 14 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,105,000.

### Background

This procurement of 32 buses aligns with the bus replacement/expansion schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered in April/May of 2016. Buses will be distributed in the following manner:

1. Metro Mobility Expansion Buses – 28
2. Metro Mobility Replacement Buses – 2
3. Transit link Replacement Bus -1
4. Maple Grove Expansion Bus -1

### Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality service. The three replacement buses are unscheduled due to collisions in which the vehicles were totaled. The Council has collected the appropriate insurance proceeds from the respective transit providers. No injuries to customers occurred as a result of these accidents nor were the Council's transit providers found to be at fault in any of these accidents.

The 28 expansion buses are necessary due to continued Metro Mobility ridership growth.

This procurement utilizes the State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement process, release #B-347(5), which is compliant with all State and

Federal regulations. This MnDOT vehicle contract expires on December 31, 2015.

### **Funding**

Local funds will be used to purchase these small buses pending Council approval of projects 36020 and 36021 in Business Item 2015-231 on October 28, 2015. Funding for the three replacement buses (project #35983) was approved in Business Item 2015-065.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition. The City of Maple Grove supports the purchase of the Maple Grove expansion vehicle.