

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 25, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 27, 2016

**Subject:** Authorize Execution of Purchase Agreement with North Central Bus Sales

**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 a purchase agreement with North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 88331) for two replacement buses and eight expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$960,000.

Purchase of the two replacement buses and eight expansion buses is contingent on Council approval of projects 36028 and 36029 in Business Item 2016-51 on April 27, 2016.

### Background

This procurement of buses aligns with the bus replacement/expansion schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered October of 2016. Buses will be distributed to the following programs:

1. Metro Mobility Expansion Buses – 8
2. Plymouth Replacement Buses – 2

### Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality service. The two Plymouth replacement buses will replace buses that have reached the end of their useful life. The eight 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. The MnDOT vehicle contracts expire on December 31, 2016.

### Funding

Local funds will be used to purchase these small buses and is contingent on Council approval of projects 36028 and 36029 in Business Item 2016-51 on April 27, 2016.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition. The City of Plymouth supports the purchase of the replacement vehicles.