

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 27, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2016

Subject: Authorization to Approve the Purchase of One 40' Option Bus with 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 one option bus with bus rapid transit (BRT) styling options in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 contingent on satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

Background

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

The proposed additional BRT vehicle will increase service reliability and help ensure consistent deployment of BRT fleet along the A Line corridor and planned future lines. The initial order of twelve BRT vehicles is sufficient to operate the line as scheduled with two spare vehicles, but an additional spare bus will help ensure consistently high levels of maintenance and reliability. The additional bus will help mitigate vehicle maintenance, repairs, potential future detours, or increased service levels. The A Line project includes fast, frequent service along Snelling Avenue, Ford Parkway, and 46th Street in Roseville, Falcon Heights, St. Paul, and Minneapolis and will open on June 11, 2016.

Rationale

Increased maintenance and reliability will help the agency deliver the A Line to a high level of service and customer satisfaction. Contingency funds are available within the original project budget allowing for the purchase of this additional BRT vehicle.

Funding

Funding is currently authorized in project #65403, A Line buses.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this purchase.