

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 24, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 26, 2016

**Subject:** 2017 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 authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with:

1. Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 88294) for up to 39 replacement buses and 16 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,781,200; and
2. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 88331) for up to 55 replacement buses and 24 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$5,136,000.

### Background

This procurement of 134 buses aligns with the bus replacement/expansion schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered between February and May of 2017. Two of the 134 buses are designated for Transit Link service in Scott County, while the remaining buses will be assigned to Metro Mobility (132 buses).

### Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality service. The buses that are scheduled for replacement will have met or exceeded the Council's replacement cycle of five years and 175,000 miles for small buses. The buses scheduled to be replaced have mileages between 225,000 and 350,000 miles. The 40 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

Federal funds and Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds will be used to purchase these small buses. All projects have been approved by the Council in previous amendments to the Unified Capital Budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.