

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 23, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 8, 2017

Subject: 2017 Small Bus Procurement – Metro Mobility Expansion and Transit Link Replacement

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 eight replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$592,000; and
2. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 88331) for up to twelve replacement buses and ten expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,568,000.

Background

This procurement of thirty buses aligns with the bus replacement/expansion schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered in the 2nd and 3rd Quarter of 2018. Twenty of the buses are designated for Transit Link service, while the remaining ten expansion buses assigned to Metro Mobility service.

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 180,000 and 250,000 miles. Ten expansion buses are necessary due to anticipated 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, 2017.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will support safe and reliable transit infrastructure for persons with disabilities(equity) and enhances the quality of life in the region by allowing individuals who use the Metro Mobility service to remain living at home and maintain a higher level of independence (livability). The reliability of Transit Link service helps residents in outlying areas of the metro connect with our fixed route service, thus expanding their opportunities economically and socially.

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.