

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 23, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 8, 2017

**Subject:** Execute Contract Options with Gillig LLC

**District(s), Member(s):** Dist. 1 – Katie Rodriguez; Dist. 7 – Gary Cunningham;

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Adopted 2017-2022 Fleet Capital Program, 2017 Third Quarter MTS Capital Budget Amendment 2017-195

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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 12P227 with Gillig LLC to purchase five replacement transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

### Background

The Council awarded contract 12P227 to Gillig on July 30, 2013. The contract includes the purchase of 184 forty-foot low floor transit buses with options of up to an additional 221 low floor buses. This contract expires on July 29, 2018. Staff must receive Council approval prior to exercising options.

### Rationale

This purchase includes five replacement vehicles that will be operated by Metro Transit on the Maple Grove transit service. These buses will replace forty-foot buses that, per Council fleet policy, will have reached or exceeded their useful life at the time of replacement.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will support continued, efficient transportation alternative for commuters traveling from the northwest suburbs to downtown Minneapolis (sustainability) and enhances the quality of life in that part of the region by reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality (livability).

### Funding

These replacement buses are in the approved Capital Plan and will be purchased with 5307 federal formula and local funds. This Maple Grove project was approved by the Council as part of the 2017 3rd Quarter Capital Amendment – Business Item 2017-195.

### Known Support / Opposition

Support – Maple Grove