

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 14, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 23, 2017

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

**District(s), Member(s):** Dist. 3 – Jennifer Munt; Dist. 4 – Deb Barber; Dist. 15 – Steven Chavez; Dist. 16 – Wendy Wulff

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Adopted 2017-2022 Fleet Capital Program, 2017 Second Quarter MTS Capital Budget Amendment 2017-118JT

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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:

1. purchase eight replacement transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$4,035,000; and
2. purchase four expansion transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.

### 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. There are currently 79 option buses remaining on this contract which expires on July 29, 2018. Staff must receive Council approval prior to exercising options.

### Rationale

This purchase includes three replacement vehicles that will be operated by MVTA and five replacement buses that will be operated by Southwest Transit. 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. Four expansion buses will be purchased for MVTA and were awarded in the last regional solicitation as a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project for expanded service in the Hwy 169 corridor.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will support continued use of current regional roadway infrastructure and continues to provide a viable transportation alternative for commuters (sustainability) and enhances the quality of life in the region by reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality (livability).

## **Funding**

These replacement and expansion buses are in the approved Capital Plan. The replacement buses will use 5307 federal formula and local funds and the expansion buses will use federal CMAQ funds and local funds. The MVTA and SWT projects were approved by the Council as part of the 2017 2nd Quarter Capital Amendment – Business Item 2017-118JT.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

Support - MVTA and SWT