

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 14, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 23, 2017

**Subject:** 2017 Small Bus Procurements

**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 121183) for up to 36 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,168,288; and
2. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121155) for up to 3 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.

### Background

This procurement of 36 buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered in the first quarter of 2018. The following programs will utilize these replacement buses:

- Plymouth Metro Link – 7 buses (Hoglund Bus)
- MTS Transit Link – 4 buses (Hoglund Bus)
- MTS Fixed Route – 25 buses (Hoglund Bus)
- Maple Grove – 3 buses (North Central Bus Sales)

### Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and comfortable transit vehicle for the customer. The buses that are scheduled for replacement have met or exceeded the Council's replacement cycle of five-years and 175,000 miles for small buses.

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 small bus contracts expire on December 31, 2017.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

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

## **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**

Support – Plymouth and Maple Grove