

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 12, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 28, 2017

Subject: 2017 Small Bus Procurement – Metro Mobility Agency Service

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 North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121155) for up to 20 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Background

This procurement of 20 buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered between October and November of 2017. All buses will be assigned to the Metro Mobility Agency bus Contract.

Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality service. The buses that are scheduled for replacement have 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 vehicle contracts expire on December 31, 2018.

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 Agency service to remain living at home and maintain a higher level of independence (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

There is no known opposition.