

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 13, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 22, 2017

Subject: Authorize Execution of Contract Options with Gillig LLC

District(s), Member(s): Dist. 1 – Katie Rodriguez; Dist. 4 – Deb Barber; Dist. 15 – Steven Chavez; Dist. 16 – Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: Adopted 2017-2022 Fleet Capital Program, 2016 Third Quarter MTS Capital Budget Amendment

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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 16 replacement transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.

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 176 low floor buses. Staff must receive Council approval prior to the exercise of options.

Rationale

This purchase includes 10 replacement vehicles that will be operated by MVTA and 6 replacement buses that will be operated by Plymouth. These buses will replace forty-foot low floor buses that will have reached the end of their useful life at the time of replacement. It is anticipated that the new buses will arrive in the third quarter of 2018.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will support continued use of current 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 (livability).

Funding

This purchase of these replacement buses is in the approved Capital Plan and will use federal funds and local funds. The MVTA and Plymouth projects were approved by the Council as part of the 2016 3rd Quarter Capital Amendment – Business Item 2016-164.

Known Support / Opposition

Support - MVTA and the City of Plymouth