

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 13, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

Subject: Small Bus Procurement

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: State of Minnesota Cooperative Vehicle Procurement contract

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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. Høglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 88294) for up to 6 replacement buses and 2 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$778,050; and
2. North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 88331) for up to 5 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

Background

This procurement of 13 buses is the final bus purchase for 2017 and aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Buses will be delivered in the 2nd and 3rd Quarter of 2018. Buses will be distributed in the following manner:

- 3 small replacement buses Metro Mobility
- 3 small replacement buses MVTA
- 5 small replacement buses Transit Link
- 2 expansion buses SWT

Rationale

The purchase of the replacement buses allows for a reliable fleet. These buses will have met or exceeded the Council's replacement cycle of five years and 175,000 miles for small buses. The buses scheduled to be replaced have mileages between 200,000 and 250,000 miles.

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, 2017.

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 service to remain living at home and maintain a higher level of independence (livability). The reliability of Transit Link service helps residents in outlying areas of the metro connect with the Council's fixed route service, thus expanding their opportunities economically and socially.

Funding

A combination of 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

Supported by Southwest Transit and Minnesota Valley Transit