

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 28, 2018

Subject: 2018 Small Bus Procurement – Metro Mobility Agency and Demand Buses

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 29 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000; and with Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 121183) for up to 41 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,759,000.

Background

This procurement of 70 replacement buses and 7 expansion buses aligns with the bus replacement schedule and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP will be amended to include the additional 11 expansion buses. All Buses are scheduled to be delivered by September 2018 and distributed as follows:

- 60 Replacement buses – Metro Mobility Agency Service
- 12 Expansion buses – Metro Mobility Agency Service
- 10 Replacement buses – Metro Mobility Demand Service
- 6 Expansion buses – Metro Mobility Demand Service

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. The additional agency expansion buses are necessary to improve the service quality of the agency service for customers.

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 pricing expires 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.