

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 9, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 25, 2018

Subject: Twenty 40-Foot Replacement Buses for 2019

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Contract No. 12P227

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options in Contract 12P227 with Gillig Corporation to purchase seventeen (17) forty-foot standard biodiesel replacement buses and three (3) forty-foot buses with BRT styling in an amount not to exceed \$10,171,673.00, contingent on satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America audit.

Background

The Council executed contract 12P227 with Gillig Corporation in July 2013. The five-year contract includes the purchase of 184 replacement buses and options for an additional 221 buses with BRT styling options. The option buses requested are seventeen standard diesel replacements and three forty-foot A Line BRTs to be received in 2019. Staff must receive Council approval prior to purchasing option buses.

Rationale

The purchase of these buses is in alignment with the planned fleet replacement cycle allowing for a reliable forty-foot bus fleet and is consistent with past fleet purchases. The purchase of the three BRT buses will help mitigate vehicle downtime due to preventative maintenance, repairs and increased service levels. If we cannot proceed with this procurement, buses will not be replaced at the end of their service life and A Line service will be affected, thus increasing operating costs and negatively impacting reliability.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This bus procurement advances Thrive through the lens of promoting regional prosperity for everyone, by continuing to serve residents who depend on transit.

Funding

The purchase of these buses is planned for in the 2018-2023 CIP, as approved by the Council. The funding is available pending adoption of the 2018 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment (Item 2018-153JT). The total cost of these buses is estimated at \$10,171,673.00.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.