

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 28, 2018

**Subject:** Coach Bus Purchase

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** 2018 Capital Budget, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Authorized Capital Program

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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract with Prevost to purchase five coach replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,760,000.

### Background

The Council has an opportunity to purchase five Prevost coach buses using the State of New Hampshire's competitively bid contract (bid 1883-16). This purchase provides the opportunity to evaluate the coach bus product of a bus manufacturer not currently used in this region. The Council will save approximately \$50,000 per bus when compared to the most recent purchase of coach buses. The five buses are replacement buses that will be operated by Southwest Transit.

### Rationale

The purchase of these buses allows for a reliable fleet and quality service. The buses that are scheduled for replacement have met the Council's replacement cycle of fourteen years.

This procurement utilizes the State of New Hampshire's Cooperative Vehicle Procurement, bid 1883-16, which has been reviewed by the Council's procurement staff. This contract is compliant with all State and Federal regulations.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will support safe and reliable transit infrastructure for commuters at a very competitive price, (Stewardship) and enhances the quality of life in the region by reducing the number of cars on congested highways during the peak travel periods reducing auto emissions (Sustainability).

### Funding

Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funds will be used to purchase these express buses. This project has been approved by the Council in previous amendments to the Unified Capital Budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

Supported by Southwest Transit.